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1. Preliminary

- 1.1 These rules replace all rules, regulations and by-laws previously made about the matters covered by these rules.
- 1.2 All penalties handed down under previous rules, regulations and/or by-laws will continue to apply and be recognised by Hockey SA.
- 1.3 If there is any dispute regarding interpretation of these rules a determination will be made by Hockey SA.
- 1.4 These rules are binding on all members of Hockey SA participating in the Metropolitan Competition and should be read in conjunction with the Hockey SA Constitution and Regulations.
- 1.5 These rules are subject to approval by the Hockey SA Board as required from time to time.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 The following definitions apply to these rules.
 - 2.1.1 “Hockey One or International Player” – a player who has competed at Hockey One or internationally in the previous or current calendar year excluding masters.
 - 2.1.2 “Business Day” – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays.
 - 2.1.3 “Catch up Round” – From time to time, it may be necessary to program a partial round in a competition, this will be known as a “Catch up Round”. Teams not playing in this round will be regarded as having a ‘bye’ and this will be noted on Hockey SA’s designated match recording system.
 - 2.1.4 “CEO” - means the person appointed under the Constitution as Chief Executive Officer of Hockey SA (by whatever name called).
 - 2.1.5 “Club” -means an affiliated “metropolitan club” or “region” or “member club” each as defined in the Constitution of Hockey SA and competing in the winter hockey competition conducted in the metropolitan area of Adelaide and operated by the Association.
 - 2.1.6 “Competition Week” – means the period between Wednesday and the following Tuesday inclusive, where matches are scheduled.
 - 2.1.7 “Constitution” - means the Hockey SA Constitution.
 - 2.1.8 “Finals Round” – Rounds in any competition played as Semi Final (SF), Preliminary Final (PF) and/or Grand Final (GF)
 - 2.1.9 “Fixture” means a match or matches scheduled within the competition.
 - 2.1.10 “Hockey SA” means the South Australian Hockey Association Incorporated.

- 2.1.11 “Hockey SA Board” – The governing body of Hockey SA.
- 2.1.12 “Hockey SA Competitions Coordinator” – Person employed by Hockey SA and nominated by Hockey SA as its delegate to oversee the day-to-day operation of the Metropolitan Competition.
- 2.1.13 “Hockey SA Sanctioned Competitions “ - Any competition administered by Hockey SA, including but not limited to Metropolitan Competition
- 2.1.14 “Metropolitan Competition” – includes but not limited to Senior Competition (including Premier League), Junior Competition, master’s and Metro Grass
- 2.1.15 “Metropolitan Competition Committee” – A subcommittee of, and appointed by, the Hockey SA Board with responsibility for advocacy and policy development for the metropolitan competition.
- 2.1.16 “Regulations” means the Hockey SA Regulations.
- 2.1.17 “State and/or National Representative” – means a participant as a player (at an U18 or higher Hockey Australia or FIH endorsed championship (including Masters)) or as a coach, umpire, manager or technical official at any Hockey Australia or FIH endorsed championship.
- 2.1.18 “Rules of Hockey” - means the official FIH Rules of Hockey.
- 2.1.19 “Double up Player” – refers to a player who is playing a second game within a competition week.
- 2.1.20 “Written Notice” – correspondence between a member of the Association and staff of Hockey SA (usually sanctioned or passed through the relevant club President/Secretary, including email, but specifically excluding text messaging.
- 2.1.21 “ERS” – refers to the Electronic Result System used by Hockey SA to enter results.
- 2.1.22 “Usually Plays” - means the team in which a player has played the majority of his/her matches for the season in a competition section up to any specific point in that Regular Season. If the player has played an equal number of games between two teams at that point, then the majority of games would be considered as being in the higher ranked of those two teams.

3. Rules of the competition

- 3.1 All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Hockey in force on the first playing day of the season except as varied by Appendix 1 of these Rules and in accordance with these Rules and subject to:
 - 3.1.1 'Directions to Umpires' and/or 'interpretations' as issued by Hockey Australia
 - 3.1.2 experimental rule(s) declared by FIH to be mandatory.
 - 3.1.3 experimental rule(s) sanctioned by Hockey Australia and
 - 3.1.4 junior hockey local rules adopted by Hockey SA (Appendices 4, 5 and 6)
- 3.2 These Rules shall be published by Hockey SA on its website www.hockeysa.com.au whenever they are updated. A copy of the Rules shall be sent to all participating clubs, panel umpires and technical officials by Hockey SA at least 28 days prior to the start of the season.
- 3.3 Hockey SA reserves the right, should circumstances dictate, to amend these rules prior or during the current season.
- 3.4 Players, coaches, manager, team officials, technical officials, umpires and spectators must abide by the Codes and Behaviour set out in the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy and as adopted by Hockey SA (Appendix 3).

4. Hockey SA Metropolitan Competition

4.1 The competitions within the Adelaide Metropolitan area shall be as follows:

4.1.1 Senior competition

4.1.1.1 Premier League

4.1.1.1.1 Men and women

4.1.1.1.2 The Hockey SA Board shall determine which clubs participate in the Premier League at its sole discretion.

4.1.1.2 Metro 1, Metro 2, Metro 3, etc. as required to service the player population.

4.1.1.2.1 Men and women.

4.1.2 Junior competition

4.1.2.1 Under 18, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12

4.1.2.1.1 Boys and girls

4.1.2.2 Under 10, Under 8

4.1.2.2.1 Mixed.

4.1.3 Master's competition

4.1.3.1 Over 35, Over 40, Over 45, etc. as required to serve the player population (Men and Women)

4.1.3.2 Each age group or grade may be further split into divisions (e.g., A and B).

4.1.3.3 Each age group may include 2 field players who are within 2 years of the age qualification without a permit.

4.1.3.4 A club may field a goalkeeper who does not fit the age criteria, provided they are within 5 years of the relevant age qualification and their Current Team (refer to Rule 10) is Metro 3 or below.

4.1.3.5 For any master's age group match during the minor round, a team that has less than 11 players at the scheduled time of the match may, with the agreement of the opposing team captain, use substitute eligible Masters players from another club. This must be properly recorded on the match card and a note included in the match comments section of Hockey SA's designated match recording system.

5. Team entry

- 5.1 Any club or Region affiliated with Hockey SA may apply to enter a team or teams in the Metropolitan Competition. Applications must be made using the form prescribed by Hockey SA, include all information Hockey SA requests, and be submitted before the date prescribed by Hockey SA for that purpose.
- 5.2 Clubs are permitted to apply to Hockey SA to form an affiliation with another club, whereby they form an association to enter a joint team within a particular grade of the Metropolitan Competition. In this circumstance, an application should be submitted to Hockey SA outlining the terms of the arrangement between the two clubs, for approval.
 - 5.2.1 This agreement should cover the player's primary club of registration, fee responsibility, financial arrangements and responsibility for disciplinary matters.
 - 5.2.2 All Hockey SA Metropolitan Competition Rules will be applicable, unless expressly excluded by this agreement.
 - 5.2.3 The Metropolitan Competition Committee (MCC) will review the affiliation agreement between the clubs and make a recommendation to the Hockey SA Board. Approval of any affiliation agreement is by the Hockey SA Board.
 - 5.2.4 Hockey SA shall publish a list of clubs with approved affiliation agreements on its website.
- 5.3 Any club who has two teams or less in the same competition (e.g., M2M & M4M) may seek to affiliate with any other club who has two or less teams in the same competition (e.g., M3M and M5M), without any common divisions between the two clubs. In this circumstance, an application should be submitted to Hockey SA outlining the terms of the arrangement between the two clubs, for approval.
 - 5.3.1 Where approval to affiliate is obtained under this section, clubs will be seen as the same club for the purpose of the application of the Hockey SA Metropolitan Competition Rules.
- 5.4 Hockey SA reserves the right to refuse any application from a club that has debts outstanding for more than 90 days from the due date of the relevant invoice and may accept or refuse an application made under Rule 5 at its discretion.
- 5.5 New teams will generally enter the relevant Competition in the lowest division of the competition. However, Hockey SA may place a new team in whatever division it considers necessary or appropriate, having regard to matters including (without limit) the number of teams in each division and the overall competition.
- 5.6 A club may withdraw a team from a competition by written notice to Hockey SA at any time. After the start of a competition the team to be withdrawn should be the club's lowest ranked team unless otherwise agreed to by Hockey SA.
- 5.7 If a club withdraws a team after the closing date for nominations, it will not be entitled to a refund of any money due or paid to Hockey SA and must indemnify Hockey SA against any claim, cost or loss arising from the withdrawal subject to:

- 5.7.1 after nominations close and more than 21 days prior to the first game: \$250.
- 5.7.2 less than 21 days prior to the first game and prior to the commencement of round 1: 50% of the applicable nomination fee.
- 5.7.3 After the commencement of round 1 of that competition: 100% of the applicable nomination fee.
- 5.8 Rules 5.6 and 5.7 do not apply to a club's withdrawal of a junior team provided notice of the withdrawal is given at least 2 weeks prior to the start date of the relevant competition.
- 5.9 The following applies if a club withdraws a team under Rule 5.6 after the start of a competition.
 - 5.9.1 The point in the season where all teams in the affected division have played each other once will be known as the mid-way mark.
 - 5.9.2 Where a club withdraws a team prior to the completion of the first round of matches i.e., all teams (including the withdrawn team) have played each other at least once, the result of all completed matches played against the withdrawn team shall be removed and recorded as a bye.
 - 5.9.3 Where a club withdraws a team prior to completion of Round 3 in that grade the players of the withdrawn team will have no designated current team.
 - 5.9.4 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 after the midway mark shall be removed and recorded as a bye. Hockey SA may use a system of average points to redefine the competition standings.
 - 5.9.5 Hockey SA may permit the late entry of a team into a competition to fill a vacancy created by withdrawal of a team, on such terms as it decides.

6. Grading – Nominations, promotion and relegation

- 6.1 The objective of the application of this Rule is to ensure as much as practicable that each division within the Senior Competition is equally competitive.
- 6.2 With the exception of Premier League, grading for which is at the discretion of the Hockey SA Board, all senior divisions will be subject to either relegation (Rule 6.4) or promotion (Rule 6.5) based on final positions at the end of the minor round of the previous season(s).
- 6.3 Subject to review by the Metropolitan Competition Committee of the final make-up of teams within a division and the balance of the competitiveness of that division, the grading process will be conducted sequentially as follows:
 - 6.3.1 relegation where competition circumstances dictate.
 - 6.3.2 promotion where necessary to ease scheduling pressures; and
 - 6.3.3 nominations from Clubs.
- 6.4 Hockey South Australia reserves the right to relegate the club that finishes last in each division (except the lowest division) to the next lowest division.
 - 6.4.1 If the club already has a team in the next lowest division, the club may also be relegated from that lower division to the next lowest division, which may continue for each next lowest division in which the club already has a team. (E.g., the club that finishes last in Metro 2 may be relegated to Metro 3. If that club already has a team in Metro 3, the club may also be relegated to Metro 4.) If this occurs, that team may be deemed to be the division's relegated team (subject to Rule 6.4).
 - 6.4.2 The highest placed club in each division (except Metro 1) at the end of the minor round may be promoted to the next highest division from the beginning of the next season.
 - 6.4.3 If the highest placed club is not promoted under Rule 6.4.2, the second placed team at the end of the minor round may be promoted to the next highest division from the beginning of the next season, provided that club does not already have a team in the higher division. If neither team is promoted, other teams from that division may be offered the opportunity at the discretion of Hockey SA.
 - 6.4.4 It is preferred that clubs have no more than 1 team in a grade, other than the lowest grade.
- 6.5 If a club has more than one team in a division, the club's teams must be distinguished by a label, for instance 'A', 'B', and so on.
- 6.6 As far as practical, other than for the lowest division, there will be an even number of teams in a division.

7. Hockey SA registration

7.1 Player annual registration

7.1.1 All players must be individual members of Hockey SA in accordance with the Constitution and must complete the individual affiliation (registration) process as determined by Hockey SA.

7.1.2 Any breach of Rule 7.1.1 may attract a fine of up to \$250 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion. Further, the matches affected will be considered a forfeit in accordance with Rule 17.3.

7.2 Player Dual Registration

7.2.1 A player shall only be able to dual register with 2 different clubs to enable them to play in 2 separate competitions (e.g., Juniors and Seniors or Seniors and Masters).

7.2.2 A junior may be registered with two clubs if their current club does not provide a team in an appropriate junior grade.

7.2.3 Where a player wishes to play in more than one metropolitan or country competition, a Dual Registration is required.

7.2.4 A player must be registered with a club via the process prescribed by Hockey SA for that purpose (i.e., completion of Dual Registration Form). Forms must be submitted by 1100h on the Thursday before the player's first intended match for club(s) within the metropolitan competition.

7.2.5 Any breach of Rule 7.2 may attract a fine of up to \$250 per player per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

7.2.6 As defined by the Hockey Australia National Development Framework, a 'T4 or above' athlete dual-registered with a club in the Premier League competition (and a second club from interstate) is limited to only the Premier League competition. Despite having dual registration approved, the applicable club must seek a playing permit for each game that this player participates in to provide visibility to Hockey SA of their inclusion in the fixture and to ensure that the spirit of the competition is maintained i.e., prevent stacking in the concluding rounds before finals. Consideration of such a playing permit will be made by Hockey SA after consultation with Hockey Australia to understand theirs and the athlete's needs.

7.2.7 Any breach of Rule 7.2.6 may attract a fine of up to \$250 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion. Further, the matches affected will be considered a forfeit in accordance with Rule 17.3.

7.3 Players must supply proof of age, if requested by Hockey SA, a club, umpire or technical official where a player competes in an age restricted competition.

7.4 Coaches, managers and official's registration

7.4.1 Coaches, team managers, team officials and match officials must meet the registration

requirements prescribed by Hockey SA.

- 7.4.2 Any breach of Rule 7.4.1 may attract a fine of up to \$50 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

8. Clearances

- 8.1 A player who is registered with any club affiliated under Hockey Australia at any time in the previous 4 years (current club), must be cleared from their current club and any secondary clubs under dual registration under this rule before being registered with another club (new club).
- 8.2 In line with the national transfer policy all members who are transferring clubs between seasons will automatically have a transfer flagged within the Rev Sport System that must be approved by both clubs and HSA before the player is able to register for the upcoming season.
- 8.3 Once the Premier League season has commenced a player must apply for a clearance using the prescribed clearance form on the HSA website. This rule applies for all HSA affiliated competitions and grades.
- 8.4 The current club and Hockey SA must approve the new club's application unless the relevant player has failed to meet a financial obligation to the current club or Hockey SA or is yet to comply with a disciplinary sanction by the current club, Hockey SA or any Hockey Australia affiliated competition.
- 8.5 The current club must grant or refuse an application under Rule 8.6 within 5 business days of receiving the application. The current club and Hockey SA must provide written notice of its decision. If notification of a clearance is not received within 5 business days, the new club's authorized officer shall contact Hockey SA.
- 8.6 The new club may dispute the current club or Hockey SA's refusal of an application under Rule 8.7 by following the procedure in Rule 20.7.

9. Composition of a team

9.1 Number of players permitted

9.1.1 A team must have no more than 16 players listed on the match card at the start of the game, or 17 including an additional goalkeeper:

- Minimum 7 - maximum 16 field players and no goalkeeper
- 15 field players and 1 goalkeeper
- 15 field players and 2 goalkeepers. Second GK is not permitted to play on field as field player.

9.1.2 Subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 10.2.1. In the Regular Rounds, Affiliates shall have the power to select in any team any player who meets the Player Eligibility Criteria and the requirements of the HSA Rules, Regulations and Schedule documents that apply to the competition section in which the team is entered. The HSA Rules and Regulations provide various opportunities for a player to be eligible to play in more than one team in any one round in a competition section, however, it should be noted that the maximum number of matches that a player is eligible to play is limited to a total of two (2) matches in any competition section in the same round regardless of when the matches are played.

9.2 Types of players permitted

9.2.1 A team can be comprised of any of the following types:

9.2.1.1 player(s) whose 'current team' as defined by Rule 10.1 is at or below the grade that the team is competing within at the start of the competition week.

9.2.1.2 player(s) who are acting as the 'state substitution player' as defined by Rule 9.3

9.2.1.3 player(s) who are acting as the 'Double up Players' as defined by Rule 9.4

9.2.1.4 player(s) who are playing under a Hockey SA permit or

9.2.1.5 player(s) permitted by prior agreement of the opposition coach or captain and has been documented on the match card.

9.3 State substitution players

9.3.1 A state substitution player is defined as a player who is occupying a position in the team that would otherwise be occupied by an individual absent on representational duties. The representative player must:

9.3.1.1 be playing in a division higher than the state substitution player's current team and

9.3.1.2 be absent due to participating in, travelling directly to or from an official championship or activity with that squad, or

9.3.1.3 where the representative player has been directed not to participate by Hockey SA.

9.3.2 All state substitution players must be identified to the umpires and clearly recorded on the match card before the start of a match. Recording on the match card must clearly state who the state sub is replacing.

9.3.3 Use of state substitution players is permitted throughout the season, including finals.

9.4 Double up Players (All Competition Sections)

Subject to the Anti-Stacking Provision (Reg 10.4) any Eligible Player may play up to two (2) games each Regular Round per competition section (i.e., Juniors and Seniors). All games played are considered as part of the player's record and will count when considering the player's eligibility to play in any further matches, including Finals Matches and eligibility under the Anti-Stacking regulation.

It should be noted that players defined as a Hockey One or International Player (see Rule 2.1.1) are not eligible to play two (2) matches in any one (1) round.

Refer to the Anti-Stacking Regulation (10.4.3) which advises the conditions and restrictions of the use of this regulation.

Highlighting the Double Up match is not required when entering match details to the ERS. All matches and correct details are still required to be entered to the ERS for each player.

9.4.1 Double Up Players (Goalkeeper) It should be noted that players defined and approved as Hockey One or international Player" (see Rule 2.1.1) are eligible to play only one (1) match in anyone (1) round.

9.4.1.1 Regular Rounds Whilst at all times observing the age criteria of grades, an Affiliate may play an eligible player in two (2) different teams in a competition section in the same round of matches during the Regular Rounds ("Goalkeeper Double Up") in the Junior, Senior and Masters competitions, subject to the following provisions and regardless of the Anti-Stacking provision:

- a) That the player plays solely as a fully kitted goalkeeper in one match, and solely as a field player in the other match, and
- b) The two (2) matches subject to this provision are in the same round. The player subject to this provision may be selected by the Affiliate to play either the field player match or the goalkeeper match in the higher ranked team.

The name of the Double Up GK should be clearly identified on the written team sheet of the match where the player plays as a goalkeeper in with the initials "DGK". The written team sheet of the match where the DGK player plays as a field player should be left unmarked.

A Double Up Goalkeeper who is marked on the written team sheet and/or on ERS with the initials "GK" instead of "DGK" will not cause the player to be deemed an ineligible player, however it should be noted that a financial penalty (in terms of may apply for an incorrect written team sheet and/or an incorrect team list in ERS may apply. Matches played as DGK under this regulation will not be counted as part of a player's field playing record when determining their eligibility in terms of the Anti-Stacking and Finals Eligibility Regulations.

The player's record on ERS will be used to determine the player's Eligibility under this provision as follows:

- (i) All matches played during the Regular Rounds where the player has been assigned the role of DGK or GK on ERS shall be counted when determining the player's eligibility to play as a DGK in any match.
- (ii) All matches played during the Regular Rounds where the player has not been assigned the role of either DGK or GK on ERS shall be counted as field player matches when determining the player's eligibility to play as a field player in any match. The penalty for breach of this regulation will be the forfeiture of the match in which the player is ineligible under these Regulations.

9.4.1.2 Finals Matches

A player may qualify to play a finals match as a DGK in one team and as a field player in another team. Refer to Regulation 10.10 Finals for further information.

10. Player Eligibility

10.1 Current team

10.1.1 The current team for a player is:

10.1.1.1 determined independently for the field player and goalkeeper roles.

10.1.1.2 determined independently for the senior, masters and junior competitions.

10.1.1.3 for females, determined independently for the male and female competitions if applicable.

10.2 Effect on current team

10.2.1 The player's current team would remain unchanged if all matches played during the last competition week were:

10.2.1.1 as a state substitution player defined at Rule 9.3

10.2.1.2 under a Hockey SA approved and issued playing permit

10.2.1.3 permitted by prior agreement of the opposition coach or captain and has been documented on the match card.

10.2.1.4 a rescheduled fixture, provided the majority of all matches played in the current season are with the current team or lower.

10.2.1.5 played as a goalkeeper and they have not played as a goalkeeper above their current team on three previous occasions.

10.2.2 The player's current team will not change if the player is promoted or demoted to play in a higher or lower division respectively unless the conditions of Rule 10.4.4 cannot be met.

10.2.3 For the junior competition, the current team rule only applies across grades of the same age group and not across different age groups e.g., a player can move between U16s and U18s with no requirement to consider their current team.

10.3 First game

10.3.1 A player does not have a current team for their first game of the year unless they are deemed to have played their previous match in a bye under Rule 17.

10.4 Restrictions on players (anti-stacking)

10.4.1 In terms of Regulation 10.4.1 the following conditions and restrictions shall apply:

- a) For all 21 Round Competitions (Premier League and M1): An eligible Player who has played a total of 15 (fifteen) or more matches in any higher ranked team(s) are ineligible to play in any lower ranked team for the remainder of the Regular Season.
- b) For all 18 Round Competitions (Seniors M2-6): An eligible Player who has played a total of 13 (thirteen) or more matches in any higher ranked team(s) are ineligible to play in any lower ranked team for the remainder of the Regular Season.
- c) For all 15 and 16 Round Competitions (Juniors & Masters): An eligible Player who has played a total of 11 (eleven) or more matches in a higher ranked team(s) are ineligible to play in any lower ranked team for the remainder of the Regular Season.

10.4.2 HSA shall, at any time during the Regular Rounds of the Regular Season, have the discretion to declare a match forfeit against the team of an Affiliate where HSA deems that the Affiliate, without an explanation satisfactory to HSA, is deemed to have fielded a team designed to gain an unfair advantage or to distort the rankings of the lower ranked grade.

10.4.3 Whilst at all times adhering to Regulation 10.4.1 hereof, any Eligible Player may play up to two (2) matches in each Regular Round per competition. The second match in the same round may be in one of the following:

- a) Any higher ranked team for the Affiliate than the team in which the eligible player Usually Plays; or
- b) The team for the Affiliate ranked immediately below the team in which the eligible player Usually Plays.

10.4.4 A club may field up to three (3) players per team in a Regular Round to play in a team ranked lower than where the player is deemed eligible to play as defined by Reg 10.4 under the following conditions:

- (i) May only play in a team ranked one (1) team lower than the team in which the player Usually Plays.
- (ii) the team in which the player Usually Plays has not been forfeited before the next match.
- (iii) the team in which the player Usually Plays does not have a rescheduled match as its next fixture.

10.4.5 Any player who represented a state or territory in the Hockey One League or is considered an international player by Hockey SA (in the previous or current season) may not play a grade lower than Premier League without a playing permit.

10.4.6 Any players selected in the SA U/21s (in the previous or current season) may not play a grade lower than Metro 1 without a playing permit.

10.5 Two teams from the same club in the same division

- 10.5.1 For the purposes of the current team rule, Hockey SA will name teams in the following manner, e.g., Old Collegians 1, Old Collegians 2 prior to the commencement of the season. Clubs shall ensure that the team numbered 1 is the strongest and will be designated the higher team for the purposes of Rule 10 until 1 complete round of matches has been played. After this time, the superior placed team on the table will then be designated the higher team for the purposes of Rule 10. Hockey SA reserves the right to work with clubs if issues arise regarding relative competitiveness of teams.
- 10.5.2 Player movement between teams of the same club in the same division is akin to moving between metropolitan grades, with the higher team defined as per Rule 10.5.1 i.e., a player can move from Old Collegians 2 to Old Collegians 1 just as a player can move from Metro 3 to Metro 2. Similarly, a player whose current team is Old Collegians 1 would need to ensure they can meet the criteria to play for Old Collegians 2 just as a player would need to do to move from Metro 2 to Metro 3.
- 10.5.3 For the purposes of the junior competition, clubs that have two teams in the same grade must ensure they grade their teams evenly and not as an A and B team.

10.6 First round byes

- 10.6.1 A team with a bye in the first round must provide a match card with 11 players (including a designated goalkeeper) and enter on Hockey SA's designated match recording system.

10.7 Playing in the male and female competition

- 10.7.1 Males are not permitted to play in any female competition.
- 10.7.2 Females may only play in the male senior competition provided they play in a grade no more than 3 grades below their current team for the female senior competition e.g., a female player whose current team is Premier League may play in the male Metro 3 competition but not the male Metro 4 competition and a female player whose current team plays in the female Metro 2 competition may play in the male Metro 5 competition.
- 10.7.3 Juniors younger than or eligible to play in under 15s must have had parent/guardian consent submitted to Hockey SA allowing the individual to participate in a senior competition prior to the individual participating in any senior match.

10.8 Eligibility to play in junior competitions:

- 10.8.1 To be eligible to compete in an Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 competitions, a player must be under 8, under 10, under 12, Under 14, under 16 or under 18 years of age (as applicable) on the 31 December of the year preceding the start of the relevant competition

10.9 Eligibility to play in Masters competitions

- 10.9.1 In order to be eligible to compete in any Masters competition, a player must be over

the designated age limit by 31 December of the year of the relevant competition.

10.10 Finals

The Player's record on ERS will be used to determine the player's finals eligibility under the provision as follows:

10.10.1 A Player shall be eligible to play in a Finals Match with a team of an affiliate when at the completion of the Regular Round's the player's record on ERS shows:

- a) in that competition section, during the Regular Rounds the player has played:
 - (i) a minimum of thirty-three and a third (33 1/3) per cent of the total number of Rounds in that team (excluding byes) and/or in lower ranked team(s) excluding:
 - All state player Substitute matches; and/or
 - All DGK matches (unless determining eligibility to play in a Finals Match as a goalkeeper under Regulation 9.4.1.1 (b));
 - (ii) a simple mathematical majority of the total number of all their matches in that team and/or in a team(s) in a lower ranked team(s) excluding only:
 - all state player substitute matches; and/or
 - All DGK matches (unless determining eligibility to play in a Finals Match as a goalkeeper under Regulation 9.4.1.1 (b));

Where a player has played an equal number of games between two or more teams at the conclusion of the Regular Rounds, then the majority of games shall be considered as the higher ranked of those two teams. or

- b) the player:
 - (i) has a playing record during a previous season with the Affiliate they wish to play finals with, and
 - (ii) is a Registered Player with the Affiliate for the Current Year of the HSA competition, and
 - (iii) is required to be in Perth purely for the purpose of fulfilling Daily Training Environment requirements as advised to HSA by HA High Performance Unit), and/or
 - (iv) is required to be absent from part of the HSA Winter Competition purely due to National Team and/or National Development Team duties and
 - (v) is only seeking to play the finals in the highest ranked team of the Affiliate. The period of time that the player is either required to be in Perth or absent on National Team duties, should be directly responsible for the player being unable to qualify to play finals as required under Regulation 10.10.1(a)

or

- c) They have been granted a playing permit in line with regulation 11

For the purpose of this regulations:

- d) where the mathematical majority referred to in Regulation 10.10.1(a) (ii) results in a fractional number, then HSA shall round up that number to the next highest whole number and that whole number shall be the number of games to be taken into account for the purpose of finals eligibility.
- e) any matches played by a Junior Female player in a mixed gender grade or a boy's grade shall not count in determining eligibility to participate in a Finals Match in a grade restricted to Female players.

10.10.2 A Player shall be eligible to play in more than one Finals Match but no more than two (2) Finals Matches in the same finals round in a competition section, in the following circumstances:

- a) as a state substitute (refer to regulation 9.3);
- b) when HSA has issued a Playing Permit (Regulation 11);
- c) as provided for under Regulation 10.4.3 provided the player is eligible to participate in Finals Series in each team as outlined in Regulation 10.10.1;
- d) as a Double Up Goalkeeper (subject to Regulation 9.41.) as follows:

A player shall be eligible to play two Finals Matches in the same finals round, when one of those matches is as a DGK and the other match is as a field player in another team, subject to the following:

- (i) the player must satisfy the requirements of HSA Regulation 10.10 (a) (i) &
- (ii) Finals Eligibility, solely as a goalkeeper for the match in which they wish to play as a DGK, and solely as a field player for the match in which they wish to play as a field player.
- (iii) the player must play solely as a goalkeeper in the finals match where the player qualifies to play finals as a DGK; and
- (iv) the player must play solely as a field player in the finals match where the player qualifies to play finals as a field player.
- (v) The purpose of this regulation is to allow a player who has qualified through the DGK regulation to be able to participate in finals regardless of whether one or both teams are participating in any Finals Match. The player's record on ERS will be used to determine the player's Finals Eligibility under this provision as follows:
- (vi) All matches played during the Regular Rounds where the player has been assigned the role of DGK or GK on ERS shall be counted when determining the player's eligibility to play as a DGK in a finals match.
- (vii) All matches played during the Regular Rounds where the player has not been assigned the role of either DGK or GK on ERS shall be counted as field player matches

when determining the player's eligibility to play as a field player in a finals match.

10.10.3 Conditional GK To be eligible to be listed as a 17th player (second GK) in a finals match, the player must have qualified to play finals (in accordance with Regulation 10.10.1) in that team. (This negates the requirement for a permit to be issued as was the process previously).

10.11 Any breach of Rule 10 may attract a fine of up to \$250 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion. Further, the matches affected will be considered a forfeit in accordance with Rule 17.3

11. Permits

11.1 Guidelines

- 11.1.1 A club may apply to Hockey SA for a playing permit under these rules to allow a player who is otherwise ineligible to play in a particular competition.
- 11.1.2 Hockey SA will consider each request and will apply consistent interpretations for the granting or denying of the permit request.
- 11.1.3 Requests for permits will be required to show proper cause in respect to their request and must clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be gained.
- 11.1.4 Permits will only be issued in exceptional circumstances. The following examples do not constitute exceptional circumstances:
 - 11.1.4.1 poor list management by the club
 - 11.1.4.2 unexpected injury
 - 11.1.4.3 individual work commitments
 - 11.1.4.4 player vacations
 - 11.1.4.5 player retirements.

11.1.5 Long Term Injury Permits (Finals only)

11.1.5.1 Long Term Injury Permit:

A “Long Term Injury Permit” will be considered where a player is seeking to play finals in the highest ranked team they have participated in (if they have not played, they can only apply for the highest ranked team in their club), but has not met the finals eligibility requirement of rule 10.10 (the ‘minimum rounds played in that team and/or lower’), and where to HSA’s comfortable satisfaction:

- (i) the player would have met this requirement if not for injury/injuries; and
- (ii) the player was registered for the current year no later than the start of the Regular Season, or that the relevant injury/injuries occurred after the player became registered for the current year.
- (iii) Supporting documentation has been supplied to HSA prior to the permit application to prove that the injury occurred during the season.

A player with this permit is only eligible to play finals for the highest-ranked team they have participated in otherwise it must be the highest-ranked team in the club (and only then only if that team is in finals). This type of permit would be valid for all Finals Matches in that grade.

11.2 Application procedure

- 11.2.1 A club must apply to Hockey SA for a playing permit using the process prescribed by Hockey SA for that purpose. Playing permit requests must be received via written correspondence no later than Thursday 11am for matches scheduled from the following Friday. Hockey SA will provide a response by Thursday 5pm via an update to the Hockey SA website for visibility of the entire competition.
- 11.2.2 Late playing permit applications will not be accepted.
- 11.2.3 Hockey SA will review permit applications submitted and determine whether accept or refuse an application for a playing permit. Hockey SA will consider:
 - 11.2.3.1 whether an unfair advantage will be gained by granting the playing permit
 - 11.2.3.2 whether there were any exceptional circumstances that could not reasonably have been managed by the applicable club
 - 11.2.3.3 if warranted, the input of applicable opposition clubs.
- 11.2.4 Hockey SA may make a playing permit conditional and it will be responsibility of the applicable club to ensure that these conditions are met for the playing permit to remain valid.
- 11.2.5 Hockey SA must allocate a number (playing permit number) to each application approved.
- 11.2.6 Hockey SA will post a list of all successful and unsuccessful permit requests on the Hockey SA website. Clubs are requested to check this list prior to seeking to contact Hockey SA.
- 11.2.7 Should an affected club wish to dispute a permit decision they can do so under the following conditions
 - 11.2.7.1 In writing to operations@hockeysa.com.au by 10am the 1st business day after receiving the permit outcome and must contain only new information that was not provided in the initial submission
 - 11.2.7.2 A Permit Dispute bond of \$200.00 must be paid to HSA each time a Dispute is lodged. The bond can be paid via any one of the following methods:
 - (i) cheque;
 - (ii) money order;
 - (iii) cash; or
 - (iv) electronic funds transfer.
 - 11.2.7.3 The bond must be paid, or the required evidence be supplied to HSA that the bond has been paid, no later than 10am the 1st business day following the permit outcome.
 - 11.2.7.4 The bond may be refunded in part or in full at HSA's determination. A full refund will be made in all cases where the dispute is found to be in favour of the club that lodged the dispute.

11.2.8 All disputes will be review in papers by a panel of 3 independent members appointed by Hockey SA. Their decision shall be final.

11.3 Recording on match card

11.3.1 The playing permit number must be recorded on the match card, against the name of the player for whom the playing permit was granted.

11.4 Validity

11.4.1 A playing permit is only valid for the individual player and the match(es) for which it was granted.

11.5 False and misleading information

11.5.1 A club that provides false or misleading information in an application under this rule will forfeit the match played using the playing permit and Rule 18.2.2 will apply.

11.5.2 The player(s) or officials involved in conduct under Rule 11.5 may also be referred for a hearing as defined in Rule 20.7.

11.6 Any breach of Rule 11.5 may attract a fine of up to \$250 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion. Further, the matches affected will be considered a forfeit in accordance with Rule 17.3.

12. Team clothing, Colours and Equipment

12.1 Club uniforms

- 12.1.1 All clubs must supply Hockey SA with a colour photograph or colour reproduction of its current uniform design, including socks and any alternate strips (if applicable) prior to playing in that strip.
- 12.1.2 A club must not change its uniform colour or design without Hockey SA's permission.
- 12.1.3 The club named second in each fixture must wear an alternate strip approved by Hockey SA, when Hockey SA determines under Rule 12.1.4 that its normal uniform is of similar colour/design to the opposition team.
- 12.1.4 Hockey SA will determine and publish at the start of each season, the uniform clashes that require an alternate strip.
- 12.1.5 In U9 and U11 divisions only, the wearing of bibs will suffice as an alternate strip.
- 12.1.6 Each player in a Premier League or Metro 1 team must wear a number on the back of their shirt/bodysuit. The numbers for the team must be a consistent style and colour for all players and must:
 - 12.1.6.1 be not less than 16 cm and not more than 20 cm in height on the back of the player's shirt/bodysuit, including the goalkeeper.
 - 12.1.6.2 if the number is also displayed on the front of the player's shirt/bodysuit, including the goalkeeper, it must be identical to the number on the back of the player's shirt/bodysuit and be at least 7 cm and not more than 9 cm high.
 - 12.1.6.3 legible and with sufficient contrast to the background colour of the shirt/bodysuit
 - 12.1.6.4 must be sublimated, silk screened or otherwise printed and not comprise of tape or bandage material.
- 12.1.7 Each player on a team must have a different number. Numbers need not be sequential.
- 12.1.8 Numbers must be recorded against the player's name on the match card for each match.
- 12.1.9 Any additional items of clothing worn by a player during a match should be the same colour as the majority piece of clothing or be flesh coloured. Should an umpire or technical official find it difficult to administer the game, they have the discretion to request the player to remove the item of clothing before the match can be continued.
- 12.1.10 All footwear must be suitable for the playing surface on which it is to be used.
- 12.1.11 A player wearing an incorrect uniform must not participate in a match without permission of the umpire(s) and the opposition team captain.
- 12.1.12 All club uniforms are required to have the Hockey SA logo preferably on the right-hand

sleeve of all playing uniforms or on the middle of the chest if singlets are being used.

12.1.13 Any breach of Rule 12.1, as reported by an umpire on the match card, may attract a fine of up to \$50 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

12.2 Protective equipment

12.2.1 Hockey SA encourages field players to wear mouth guards and shin pads and goalkeepers to wear the full range of protective equipment available in addition to that defined in the Rules of Hockey.

12.2.2 Hockey SA also encourages players defending penalty corners to use appropriate facemasks, gloves and groin protection.

12.2.3 Hockey SA further encourages all goalkeepers to equip themselves with protection equipment of a standard appropriate to the level of competition in which they participate.

12.2.4 On written application, Hockey SA may permit a field player to wear protective clothing or equipment outside the Rules of Hockey 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.

12.3 Other items

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

12.3.2 Players must not wear bobby pins on the field.

12.3.3 An umpire or technical official may require the removal of any item worn by a player if in their opinion it might cause an injury to the player or another player.

12.3.4 Exposed wearable fitness devices are permitted, provided they are made from soft plastic and covered with a sweatband.

12.4 Communication devices

12.4.1 A player on the field of play must not use any device to receive or transmit communications.

12.5 Ball

12.5.1 The provision of a ball is the responsibility of the first named team.

12.5.2 Either white or yellow balls may be used for the duration of the match unless there is agreement at any time between the umpires and both captains (or both team managers or coaches for matches in the junior competition) to use another coloured ball which must contrast with the playing surface.

12.5.3 A secondary ball may not be introduced to the field of play during a game unless either directed by an umpire or official ball persons are on duty at the match.

13. Grounds

13.1 Home grounds

- 13.1.1 Clubs must nominate a home ground for each of its teams and obtain the consent of the ground owner prior to nominating the ground as a home ground.

13.2 Ground safety and suitability

- 13.2.1 Matches must be conducted on grounds and with equipment that is safe and suitable.

13.3 Inspection of grounds

- 13.3.1 Hockey SA shall inspect metropolitan grounds at regular intervals to determine whether the ground is suitable for the competition being conducted on it. Hockey SA must prepare a written report detailing any deficiencies and pass this to those clubs who have teams that have identified the ground as its home ground. This report may identify mandatory repairs that need to be made to the ground before matches can continue to be played.

- 13.3.2 Clubs must conduct annual inspection of their own grounds in line with stadium agreements and complete any self-assessment as required by Hockey SA, using form provided from time to time. Grounds will be 'ranked' in accordance with these assessments.

- 13.3.3 Hockey SA may request that a club undertake a ground inspection before a specified date, in which case, the club must give a written report to Hockey SA detailing any deficiencies within 7 days of the date of the inspection.

- 13.3.4 A club may make a request in writing that Hockey SA inspects a ground it considers unsuitable (detailing the nature of suspected deficiencies) for the competition being played on it.

- 13.3.5 Hockey SA shall carry out an inspection requested under Rule 13.3.4 within 7 days of the date of the request and provide a written report of the inspection to each club.

13.4 Notification of unsuitable grounds

- 13.4.1 If a ground is deemed unsuitable for play by Hockey SA, the club that uses the ground must:

- 13.4.1.1 immediately give Hockey SA written notice and provide an indication of when the ground might be suitable for play.

- 13.4.1.2 give notice to any club scheduled to play at the ground within the next 48 hours (unless it is agreed with Hockey SA that it will give that notice)

- 13.4.1.3 as soon as the ground is suitable for play, give written notice to Hockey SA.

- 13.4.2 Matches will be re-scheduled to other grounds until the problem is rectified.

14. Umpires

14.1 Panel umpires

14.1.1 A panel umpire is an umpire who is appointed by Hockey SA to umpire matches in the Hockey SA Metropolitan Competition.

14.1.2 Panel umpires must:

14.1.2.1 be registered with Hockey SA as per Rule 7.4

14.1.2.2 abide by the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy at Appendix 3 or any other Code of Behaviour that is introduced from time to time.

14.1.2.3 attend any meetings, training and/or development that is determined by Hockey SA from time to time and adhere to any administrative instruction or directive dealing with umpiring that is determined by Hockey SA

14.1.2.4 undergo periodic assessment by Hockey SA or its designated officials.

14.1.2.5 wear the official Hockey SA uniforms.

14.1.2.6 where a technical official is not appointed to the match, prior to each match the umpires must ensure both teams have correct uniforms and equipment and entered match and team information on the match card according to the policies formulated by Hockey SA from time to time.

14.1.2.7 where a technical official is not appointed to the match, after each match the umpires must ensure the match cards are complete and signed by each team captain and/or team managers and each umpire.

14.1.3 Panel umpires allocated to matches by Hockey SA shall be entitled to payment for umpiring as determined from time to time by Hockey SA.

14.2 Allocation of panel umpires

14.2.1 Panel umpires will be allocated to matches by Hockey SA at their discretion. If no panel umpires are able to be allocated, the two clubs participating in the match are responsible for the provision of one approved umpire each.

14.2.2 If only one panel umpire is allocated to a match the club of the first named team is responsible for providing 1 capable umpire for the match.

14.2.3 A team that fails to supply an umpire under this rule will forfeit the match and Rule 17.3 will apply.

14.2.4 If the allocated panel umpire/s do not arrive by the scheduled starting time of a match, the clubs competing in that match, and subject to Rule 17.4:

14.2.4.1 must appoint a suitable person/s to umpire the match.

14.2.4.2 such a person(s) may be paid an amount determined by Hockey SA

14.2.4.3 must not start the match until 2 umpires are present to umpire the match.

14.2.4.4 on agreement of both captains, allow the allocated panel umpire/s to take the place of the replacement umpire/s if they arrive after the commencement of the match.

14.3 Club allocated umpires

14.3.1 Club umpires, although not necessarily accredited, are allocated by their club to umpire matches in the Metropolitan Competition.

14.3.2 Clubs must ensure club umpires possess knowledge of the Rules of Hockey and the responsibilities of an umpire.

14.3.3 Each club with a PL and/or M1 team in the Metropolitan Senior Competition must provide at least 1 candidate per team to the Hockey SA umpiring Panel who must umpire at least 5 games throughout the season. Umpires that are named to the Hockey SA umpire development program will also count as a candidate regardless of games umpired.

14.3.4 Any breach of Rule 14.3.3 may attract a fine of up to \$100 per team per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

14.3.5 Club umpires must wear a distinctive coloured shirt that contrasts with the participating teams and are encouraged to wear dark coloured skirt/track pants or trousers.

14.4 Umpire requests

14.4.1 During a match, an umpire may request that players, team management and/or spectators modify their behaviour, or that spectators and/or team management change their position on or around the field to enable the match to be played safely and fairly.

14.4.2 Players, team management, officials and/or spectators are subject to the Codes of Behaviour embedded within the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy (Appendix 3).

14.4.3 Such requests may be made directly to the person(s) involved or through the team captain(s).

14.4.4 An umpire shall not have the power to apply any penalty to a player and/or team management personnel as a result of the behaviour of a spectator(s).

14.4.5 If request(s) under Rule 14.4.1 are not met, the umpire(s) may take any, or all, of the following steps:

14.4.5.1 take whatever action they consider necessary or appropriate in accordance with the Rules of Hockey

14.4.5.2 stop the game until such time as the request(s) is complied with or

- 14.4.5.3 end the game and submit a written report to Hockey SA.
- 14.4.6 Any action by an umpire occurring under Rule 14.4 must be reported to Hockey SA in writing within 2 business days, and contain all information specified under Rule 20.6 and may lead to proceedings under Rule 20

15. Technical official

- 15.1 A technical official is an official who holds a current Hockey Australia technical official's accreditation.
- 15.2 Where a Hockey SA Technical Official is not appointed, Hockey SA requires the first named team in each Premier League and Metro 1 match to provide 1 qualified technical official to officiate in that match in accordance with these Rules.
- 15.3 Any breach of Rule 15.2 may attract a fine of up to \$100 per person per match to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.
- 15.4 Technical officials must:
 - 15.4.1 be registered with Hockey SA as per Rule 7.4
 - 15.4.2 abide by the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy at Appendix 3 or any other Code of Behaviour that is introduced from time to time
 - 15.4.3 attend any meetings, training and/or development that is determined by Hockey SA from time to time
 - 15.4.4 adhere to any administrative instruction or directive dealing with the running of matches that is determined by Hockey SA from time to time
 - 15.4.5 control the timekeeping for the match, including the suspension times for any players at the request of the controlling umpire
 - 15.4.6 supervise any suspended players issued green or yellow cards in an area adjacent to the technical bench
 - 15.4.7 ensure that any suspended player issued with a red card leaves the ground and the immediate vicinity of the team benches
 - 15.4.8 supervise the interchange of players from an area adjacent to the centre line
 - 15.4.9 supervise the treatment of bleeding players and supervise the removal of blood from playing surfaces
 - 15.4.10 prior to each match, ensure both teams have correct uniforms and equipment entered match and team information on the match card according to the policies formulated by Hockey SA from time to time and
 - 15.4.11 after each match, ensure the match cards are complete and signed by each team captain and/or team managers and each umpire.
- 15.5 Accredited technical officials allocated to Premier League and/or Metro 1 matches shall be entitled to payment for their services as determined from time to time by Hockey SA.
- 15.6 For grades with no technical officer appointed by Hockey SA, the applicable umpire(s) will assume the aforementioned responsibilities of the technical official.

16. Fixtures

16.1 Fixtures

16.1.1 All Hockey SA fixtures are subject to the Hockey SA Fixturing Policy

16.2 Rescheduling

16.2.1 A match may be rescheduled by Hockey SA, upon application by a club or otherwise, to whatever time and place Hockey SA decides, having regard to matters including (without limit):

16.2.1.1 the unavailability for the match in question of 5 or more State and/or National Representatives, due to travel or playing commitments as a State and/or National Representative provided they are from the same current team

16.2.1.2 ground availability

16.2.1.3 umpire availability

16.2.1.4 technical official availability and

16.2.1.5 the ground that the match was originally scheduled to be played upon.

16.2.2 An application under Rule 16.2 must be made no later than 7 days prior to the scheduled fixture time and only apply to the Premier League competition.

16.3 Premiership points

16.3.1 For all minor round matches, premiership points will be allocated on the following basis:

16.3.1.1 Win (including that received due forfeit) = 3 premiership points

16.3.1.2 Draw = 1 premiership point

16.3.1.3 Loss (including that received due forfeit) = 0 premiership points.

17. Conduct of matches

17.1 Duration of match

17.1.1 Matches will have the following duration during the minor rounds:

17.1.1.1 All Senior Matches: 4 x 17-minute quarters with a 2-minute interval between Q1 and Q2 and again between Q3 and Q4 and a 5-minute interval between Q2 and Q3. Time is not suspended for the conduct of all penalty corners.

A maximum of eight (8) minutes may be added for delays or interruptions but the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match scheduled to take place on the same field or
- b) eighty-five (85) minutes after the commencement of play.

17.1.1.2 Masters Competition – 2 x 25-minute halves with a 2-minute interval between each half and time is not suspended for the conduct of penalty corners.

No Time off is allowed during the match and the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match scheduled to take place on the same field, or
- b) fifty-five (55) minutes after the commencement of play.

17.1.1.3 Under 18 and Under 16 divisions – 4 x 15-minute quarters with a 2-minute interval between Q1 and Q2 and again between Q3 and Q4 and a 5-minute interval between Q2 and Q3 each half. time is not suspended for the conduct of penalty corners.

No time off is allowed during the match and the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match scheduled to take place on the same field, or
- b) seventy (70) minutes after the commencement of play.

17.1.1.4 Under 10 division – 2 x 22-minute halves with a 5-minute interval between each half. Time is not suspended for the conduct of penalty corners.

No time off is allowed during the match and the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) Not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match to take place on the same field
- b) Fifty (50) minutes after the commencement of play

17.1.1.5 Under 12 division – 2 x 25-minute halves with a 5-minute interval between each half. Time is not suspended for the conduct of penalty corners.

No time off is allowed during the match and the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match scheduled to take place on the same field, or
- b) fifty-five (55) minutes after the commencement of play

17.1.1.6 Under 8 division – 4 x 10-minute quarters with a 2-minute interval between Q1 and Q2 and again between Q3 and Q4 and a 5-minute interval between Q2 and Q3. Time is not suspended for the conduct of penalty corners.

No time off is allowed during the match and the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the net match scheduled to take place on the same field, or
- b) Fifty (50) minutes after the commencement of play

17.1.1.7 Under 14 Division- 2 x 30-minute halves with a 5-minute interval between each half. Time is not suspended for the conduct of penalty corners.

No time off is allowed during the match and the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:

- a) not less than five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match scheduled to take place on the same field, or
- b) (b) sixty-five (65) minutes after the commencement of play.

17.2 Time keeping

17.2.1 The umpires and the technical official have the shared responsibility for the time keeping of any match to which they are appointed. If there is a discrepancy between the umpires and technical official's time, the umpire will take complete control of the time keeping. In the event that a technical official is not appointed, the umpires shall be responsible for time keeping.

17.2.2 If a match is delayed, then time must be deducted from each period of play where possible such that the match will end no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled start time of the next match to be played on the same field.

17.2.3 With the exception of Premier League and Metro 1 (where stoppages occur) time should not be stopped during the minor rounds with the exception that an umpire may stop the clock in the last 15 minutes of the second half for injury time to avoid players unfairly using 'no stoppage time' in the last portion of the match.

17.2.4 In all finals in all divisions the time shall be stopped where stoppages occur.

17.3 Forfeits

- 17.3.1 A club that intends to forfeit a match must, before 12:00 PM on the business day before the match, provide written notice accordingly to:
- 17.3.1.1 the secretary of the club of the opposing team or such other person fulfilling that role
 - 17.3.1.2 Hockey SA
 - 17.3.1.3 the Director of Umpires or in the case of club umpires, the relevant club and
 - 17.3.1.4 the secretary of the club where the match is scheduled to be played (if applicable).
- 17.3.2 Any breach of Rule 17.3.1 will attract a fine of a minimum of \$100 per team to be levied at Hockey SA's.
- 17.3.3 A win via forfeit will be recorded for the opposition team with a score of 5-0. Should the match have commenced prior to the forfeit and the margin already exceeds 5 goals at the point of forfeit, the actual score will be used.
- 17.3.4 Where a club forfeits after 12:00pm on the business day prior to the match or a gap remains unable to be filled in the venue matchday, the club forfeiting must pay all pitch hire and match fees.
- 17.3.5 Where a club forfeits and fails to provide notice to HSA before 5pm the business day prior to the match this match will be considered a "No Notice Forfeit."

A club whose team has given a "No Notice Forfeit" may at the discretion of HAS and having regard for all circumstances, have all the results of the matches of the clubs consecutive lower ranked teams in the same age group in the same round of matches in which the No Notice Forfeit, also declared as No Notice Forfeits. I.e., if a club has a M2, M3, M4 and M5 team and the M2 team has a No Notice Forfeit the M3, M4 and M5 will also be declared a No Notice Forfeit.

17.4 Match delay and abandonment

- 17.4.1 The start of a match may be delayed by up to 15 minutes from the scheduled start time if, in the opinion of one of the following entities, in ranking order, weather conditions, equipment failure or other circumstances would make it unsafe or impractical to start the match at the scheduled time:
- 17.4.1.1 Hockey SA
 - 17.4.1.2 the appointed panel umpire(s), if appointed
 - 17.4.1.3 the appointed technical official or ground controller or
 - 17.4.1.4 the club umpire(s) in consultation with the team captains.
- 17.4.2 If no play has been possible within 15 minutes from the scheduled start time, the

match is considered abandoned.

17.4.3 A match in progress may be delayed by up to 15 minutes if, in the opinion of one of the following entities, in ranking order, weather conditions equipment failure or other circumstances make it unsafe or impractical to continue the match:

17.4.3.1 Hockey SA

17.4.3.2 the appointed panel umpire(s), if appointed

17.4.3.3 the appointed technical official or ground controller or

17.4.3.4 the club umpire(s) in consultation with the team captains.

17.4.4 If play cannot be resumed within 15 minutes of accumulated delay, the match is considered abandoned.

17.4.5 A Premier League, Metro 1 or finals match that is abandoned must be reported, by the first named team, to Hockey SA by 5pm on the next business day after abandonment for rescheduling in its entirety.

17.4.6 For all other divisions and minor round matches, the final result for an abandoned match will be:

17.4.6.1 a 0-0 draw if the match was abandoned before half time or

17.4.6.2 the score at the time of abandonment if the match was abandoned after the end of the first half.

17.4.7 A match card must be completed, and a copy provided to the opposition club for each scheduled match regardless of the outcome of the match, including abandonment and forfeiture.

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

17.5 Substitution of players

17.5.1 Substitution takes place as specified in the Rules of Hockey from the players named in the match card.

17.5.2 Substitution takes place under the supervision of a technical official (if appointed to the match).

17.5.3 After leaving the field of play having been substituted, a player must immediately go to the team bench.

17.5.4 Team Managers are responsible for the proper application of the procedures.

17.6 Admission to the field of play

17.6.1 The Coach on the team bench may not enter the field of play during playing time under

any circumstances but may do so during a shoot-out competition.

- 17.6.2 The Team Manager and substitute players nominated for that match must remain seated on the team bench during playing time, including time stoppages, unless the technical official on duty directs otherwise or when implementing the substitution procedures. The Coach nominated for the match must remain in an area designated by the technical official on duty but need not be seated. Substitutes may leave their seats to warm up in an area designated by the technical official on duty. The Team Medical Doctor and Physiotherapist may leave their seats to treat players; wherever possible treatment should take place at the end of the team bench.
- 17.6.3 The nominated Team Manager for a match is responsible for the conduct of all persons occupying the team bench.
- 17.6.4 Vocal communication by team officials and/or players on the team bench must not be directed at the technical officials seated at the table, the umpires and/or the players of the opposing team.
- 17.6.5 If misconduct occurs after a Team Manager has been warned about acts of misconduct on his/her team bench, the Hockey SA appointed technical official on duty (vice a club-appointed technical official) is empowered to order the person or persons involved to leave the team bench and remain in the team changing room for the rest of the match. After the match, the technical official will report the circumstances to Hockey SA who may take further disciplinary action.
- 17.6.6 No incapacity treatment is permitted on the field of play unless the Team Manager, Physiotherapist or Team Doctor reasonably believe that a player requires medical attention and for that reason they may enter the field of play without permission.
- 17.6.7 If any person from the team bench enters the field of play and attends to a player:
 - 17.6.7.1 that player must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of 2 minutes of playing time;
 - 17.6.7.2 the 2 minutes period will be managed by the technical official on duty
 - 17.6.7.3 the player required to leave the field of play may be substituted in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.
- 17.6.8 If blood staining to the field of play occurs cleaning must immediately take place using a Non-Acid Disinfectant Surface Cleaner which is effective against antibiotic-resistant bacteria or, if such a material is not available, an 80% alcohol solution.
- 17.6.9 No liquid or other refreshment may be consumed on the field of play. Any player wishing to take refreshment during a match, including during time stoppages must leave the field of play. A goalkeeper may leave and re-enter the field of play adjacent to the goal.
- 17.6.10 Team officials and players may leave the technical facility area surrounding the field of play during half time.

17.7 Serious injuries

- 17.7.1 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 to Hockey SA by recording it on the match card and complete and submit a Hockey SA Incident Report (available on Hockey SA Website) to the Hockey SA office.
- 17.7.2 Injuries that involve a loss of consciousness or other serious injuries must be reported to Hockey SA via the insurer's Serious Personal Injury Form within 72 hours of the incident. The latest version of this form is available through <https://hockey.honansport.com.au/PersonalInjury> is the responsibility of the injured player's club.
- 17.7.3 Any breach of Rule 17.7 may attract a fine of up to \$250 to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

18. Match administration

18.1 Match cards

18.1.1 Distribution

- 18.1.1.1 Hockey SA must provide suitable match cards for each competition conducted.

18.1.2 Completion

- 18.1.2.1 Clubs must ensure match cards are completed fully and accurately.
- 18.1.2.2 Match cards must be signed by the captain/manager of the team, the captain/manager of the opposing team, the umpire(s) of the match and the technical official (as applicable) of the match.
- 18.1.2.3 A team shall be entitled to receive a copy of the completed match card after all necessary signatures have been added.

18.1.3 Details

- 18.1.3.1 Match cards must include the following details:

- 18.1.3.1.1 date, time and place of the match
- 18.1.3.1.2 division and names of the teams competing
- 18.1.3.1.3 the result of the match
- 18.1.3.1.4 goal scorers
- 18.1.3.1.5 names of all participating players for each team
- 18.1.3.1.6 player roles (captain and goalkeepers)
- 18.1.3.1.7 playing under permit if applicable. Please only list 1 next the player to signify that they played 1 match under permit not the permit number itself.
- 18.1.3.1.8 twenty-minute rule players if applicable (refer Rule 9.2)
- 18.1.3.1.9 names and signatures of umpire(s) who officiated
- 18.1.3.1.10 details of any misconduct cards (Green/Yellow/Red Card) received
- 18.1.3.1.10 details of any injuries occurring that prevent a player continuing in a match and
- 18.1.3.1.11 name and signature of technical official where present.

- 18.1.3.2 Playing numbers on shirts for Premier League and Metro 1 must be recorded for all players.

- 18.1.3.3 Any breach of Rule 18.1.3 may attract a fine of up to \$50 per incomplete card to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion

18.1.4 Retention

- 18.1.4.1 Clubs must keep each match card for at least 12 months.
- 18.1.4.2 Clubs must complete match cards as instructed by Hockey SA.
- 18.1.4.3 Clubs must complete the triplicate match card for each match and lodge the result with Hockey SA via the prescribed online system, no later than 9:00 AM on the first business day after the match.
- 18.1.4.4 Venues are required to keep the original match card and present the original match card at the request of Hockey SA within 1 business day after request.
- 18.1.4.5 Clubs must produce a copy of a match card upon request by Hockey SA within 1 business day after request.
- 18.1.4.6 Venues must notify Hockey SA via email of any un-submitted match cards no later than 2 business days after each match.
- 18.1.4.7 Any breach of Rule 18.1.4 may attract a fine of up to \$50 per for the club responsible for failing to retain/submit the relevant match card to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

18.2 Abandoned and forfeited matches

- 18.2.1 A match card must be completed, and a copy provided to the opposition club for each scheduled match regardless of the outcome of the match, including abandonment and forfeiture.
- 18.2.2 The reason for a forfeit or abandonment must be recorded on a match card.

18.3 Rescheduled matches

- 18.3.1 Match cards for incomplete games that are ultimately rescheduled are superseded by the match card for the rescheduled game.

18.4 Conclusive evidence

- 18.4.1 A match card, once signed by both captains/managers and the match umpires, is conclusive evidence of the outcomes of the match.
- 18.4.2 The team of a player or official that falsifies information concerning players on any match card will forfeit the match concerned.
- 18.4.3 Any person involved in the falsification information on a match card may be dealt with under Rule 20
- 18.4.4 If both clubs agree in writing, or Hockey SA deems it appropriate, a completed match card may be altered to correct an error made.

18.5 Hockey SA designated match recording system (ERS)

18.5.1 Match results

18.5.1.1 The detailed results of every competition match must be accurately entered into Hockey SA's designated match recording system including all information from the match card (Rule 18.1) no later than 9.00 AM on the first business day following the completed match.

18.5.1.2 Hockey SA will advise clubs of the appropriate process for uploading this information prior to the commencement of each season.

18.5.1.3 Any breach of Rule 18.5.1 will attract a fine of up to \$50 per non-compliance for the club responsible to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

18.5.2 Disputing Results

18.5.2.1 A club may dispute a match result and team list entered by the opposing team in Hockey SA's designated match recording system. Any dispute must be based on fact, able to be proven and shall be subject to the following conditions.

- a) A Club may only lodge a Dispute about the validity of a Match result based on the eligibility of a Player/s.
- b) To avoid doubt, the decisions of the umpires regarding any matters connected with play are final and cannot be protested or appealed by any party.
- c) Disputes may only be lodged by the Club President, Club Secretary or Club Treasurer of the club no later than 12pm 3 Business days following the completion of the match being disputed
- d) Disputes must be lodged in writing and must outline the facts of the dispute and must include the evidence available to the Affiliate that supports the claims of the dispute.
- e) No party other than HSA or the two clubs involved in the match shall have the right to dispute a match result and or a team list.
- f) A Match Dispute bond of \$200.00 must be paid to HSA each time a Match Dispute is lodged. The bond can be paid via any one of the following methods:
 - (i) cheque;
 - (ii) money order;
 - (iii) cash; or
 - (iv) electronic funds transfer.

The bond must be paid, or the required evidence be supplied to HSA that the bond has been paid, no later than 12pm 3 Business days following the completion of the match being disputed.

- g) The bond, paid, may be refunded in part or in full at HSA's determination. A full

refund will be made in all cases where HSA finds in favour of the club that lodged the match dispute.

- h) As soon as practicable HSA shall provide written notice of a dispute to the two clubs through their respective Secretaries' email address last identified to HSA by it or them.
- i) HSA shall maintain a list of all disputes.
- j) As soon as practicable HSA shall provide written notice of a dispute to all other Affiliates with teams competing in the same grade through their respective Secretaries email address last identified to HSA by it or them.
- k) As soon as practicable HSA shall notify all affected Clubs of the outcome of the Match Dispute.
- l) If, through investigation of a match dispute by HSA, it is found that ineligible player/s have been fielded in previous matches and this was not disputed by the other team in the match in which the ineligible player participated prior to the deadlines as provided in Rule 18.5.2.1 (C), then HSA may apply penalties.

18.5.3 Team list audits

- 18.5.3.1 Hockey SA may, at its discretion, audit all or any team lists in Hockey SA's designated match recording system and match cards and may require clubs to explain any irregularities in those team lists.
- 18.5.3.2 Any irregularities that cannot be reasonably explained as human error may attract a fine of \$50 per breach for the club responsible to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.

19. Finals

19.1 Conduct

19.1.1 Finals will be played in grades as determined by Hockey SA and with regard to the Hockey SA fixturing policy

19.1.2 Premiership pennants will be awarded as determined by Hockey SA.

19.1.3 Suitable umpires will be allocated to finals at the absolute discretion of Hockey SA.

19.2 Unequal number of matches

19.2.1 Where teams in any division have played an unequal number of matches, premiership points shall be averaged to determine positions in that division. Equalized points ladders are generated based on the team's points, divided by the games played, with the sum multiplied by the number of rounds played in total.

19.3 Ranking at the end of the minor round

19.3.1 Teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the minor round.

19.3.2 Should any teams have equal premiership points at the end of the minor round, and the rules require it, their final position at the end of the minor round will be determined as follows:

19.3.2.1 The teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means 'goals for' less 'goals against'). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.

19.3.2.2 If there remains equality among two or more teams, then the teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.

19.3.2.3 If there remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of 'goals for'.

19.3.2.4 Should there remain equality among two teams, then the result of the matches played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams.

19.3.2.5 Should there remain equality among two teams, then the ranking will be determined by a shoot-out competition between those two teams (Appendix 2).

19.4 Finals sequence

19.4.1 Subject to Rule 19.1.1, the first 4 teams at the completion of the minor round will participate in Finals in the following sequence:

19.4.1.1 Semi Final 1: 1st v 2nd

19.4.1.2 Semi Final 2: 3rd v 4th

- 19.4.1.3 Preliminary Final: Loser Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2
- 19.4.1.4 Grand Final: Winner Semi Final 1 v Winner Preliminary Final.
- 19.4.1.5 Junior Finals will be determined by Hockey SA according to the team numbers entered.
- 19.5 List of qualified players
 - 19.5.1 Management of player lists is a club responsibility. However, Hockey SA may require clubs to provide lists of qualified players for auditing purposes prior to the finals.
 - 19.5.2 All qualified players will be determined by the information input into Hockey SA's prescribed online recording system. Any disputes to this information must be lodged, in writing, to Hockey SA no later than 5 business days prior to the first round of finals matches applicable to the dispute.
 - 19.5.3 Any breach of Rule 19.5 may attract a fine of up to \$100 per outstanding team list for the club responsible to be levied at Hockey SA's discretion.
- 19.6 More than one game
 - 19.6.1 A player must not play more than one match in each finals round, unless:
 - 19.6.1.1 They meet the criteria outlined in 10.10.3
 - 19.6.1.2 they have been granted a playing permit
 - 19.6.1.3 one match is played exclusively as a goalkeeper, another match is played exclusively as a field player, and the qualification criteria has been met for each role or
 - 19.6.1.4 that player qualifies as a junior player and they have qualified separately for more than one junior age division.
- 19.7 Playing a player not qualified
 - 19.7.1 A club that plays a player in any finals match who has not met the relevant eligibility criteria will forfeit the match and Rule 17.3 will apply along with any financial penalty Hockey SA deem necessary.
- 19.8 Drawn finals matches
 - 19.8.1.1 Where regular time does not produce a result, the final will proceed to a shoot-out (Appendix 2).

20. Disciplinary matters

20.1 Code of behaviour

20.1.1 Players, officials, umpires and spectators must abide by the Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy.

20.2 Misconduct cards

20.2.1 Green card – 2-minute suspension

20.2.1.1 For any offence, the offending player may be warned and temporarily suspended for 2 minutes of playing time (indicated by a green card).

20.2.1.2 For the duration of each temporary suspension, the offending team plays with one less player.

20.2.1.3 If a field player receives a green card, the umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card; if time has been stopped, the umpires restart it immediately after issuing the card.

20.2.1.4 If a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges receives a green card, the umpires stop the time and re-start it immediately after that player has left the field of play.

20.2.1.5 The offending player leaves the field immediately; if he/she interferes with play on their way to the designated suspension area the umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

20.2.1.6 The 2 minutes temporary suspension starts when the player is seated in the designated area.

20.2.1.7 Timing of the suspension is controlled by a technical official on duty or by the umpire if there is no technical official.

20.2.1.8 The offending player is permitted to resume play when the technical official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed.

20.2.1.9 If the offending player is a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, the technical official on duty notifies the umpires when the period of suspension has been completed; the umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.

20.2.2 Yellow card – temporary suspension:

20.2.2.1 For any offence, the offending player may be temporarily suspended for a minimum of 5 minutes of playing time (indicated by a yellow card).

20.2.2.2 The duration of temporary suspension is indicated to the technical official on duty by the umpire who issues the yellow card.

- 20.2.2.3 For the duration of each temporary suspension, the offending team plays with one less player.
- 20.2.2.4 If a field player receives a yellow card, the umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card; if time has been stopped, the umpires restart it immediately after issuing the card.
- 20.2.2.5 If a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges receives a yellow card, the umpires stop the time and re-start it immediately after that player has left the field of play.
- 20.2.2.6 The offending player leaves the field immediately; if they interfere with play on their way to the designated suspension area the umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.
- 20.2.2.7 The temporary suspension commences when the player is seated in the designated area.
- 20.2.2.8 Timing of the suspension is controlled by a technical official on duty at the request of the controlling umpire or by the umpire if there is no technical official.
- 20.2.2.9 The offending player is permitted to resume play when the technical official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed.
- 20.2.2.10 If the offending player is a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, the technical official on duty notifies the umpires when the period of suspension has been completed; the umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.
- 20.2.2.11 If a player, coach, manager or other team official receives 2 yellow cards in a match for the same offence an umpire may deem the second card a red card (depending up-on the nature of the breach).
- 20.2.2.12 Where such a red card is issued, the player, coach, manager or other team official who is issued the red card must leave the field, player's bench and surrounding area for the remainder of the match.

20.3 Accumulation of yellow cards

- 20.3.1 A player will be automatically suspended for one competition week from all Hockey SA sanctioned competitions. This suspension will be served the next competition week they are scheduled to play based on the accumulation (across Juniors, Seniors and Masters) of the following number of yellow cards within the minor round:
 - 20.3.1.1 in the first instance on the accumulation of three (3) yellow cards
 - 20.3.1.2 in the second instance on the accumulation of a further two (2) yellow cards; and
 - 20.3.1.3 in the third and subsequent instances on the accumulation of a further single yellow card.

- 20.3.1.4 after a player has accumulated their 6th yellow card for the season, a meeting with Hockey SA must be held prior to the player participating in any further Hockey SA sanctioned competitions.
- 20.3.1.5 In the case, two games for the same grade are scheduled during the same competition week the player must miss the first game scheduled that week but will be eligible for the second.
- 20.3.2 At the commencement of the Finals a player's personal tally of yellow cards is reset to zero.
- 20.3.3 A player will be suspended for one competition week from all Hockey SA sanctioned competitions on the basis of the accumulation of two (2) yellow cards in Finals.
- 20.3.4 The accumulation of yellow cards and serving of automatic suspensions shall include all Hockey SA sanctioned competitions.
- 20.3.5 Each Club must maintain accurate records of the yellow cards issued to its members and ensure that automatic suspensions are implemented. If it is found that a player has participated in a competition during the time in which they were serving a suspension, the match in which they participated in will be deemed a forfeit as per rule 17.
- 20.4 Red card
- 20.4.1 A red card permanently suspends a player, coach, manager or other team official from the remainder of the game.
- 20.4.2 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.
- 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, including a copy of the match card, to Hockey SA before 5:00 PM on the first business day after the match
- 20.4.3 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is issued a red card (but not a double yellow resulting in a red card) is automatically suspended for the next round of competition. (The submission of the written report outlined in 20.4.2 is not a requirement for the automatic suspension to stand).
- 20.4.4 During finals, A player, coach, manager, or other team official who is issued a red card has the ability to refer the matter directly to a disciplinary hearing in line with rule 20.7. For the card to be disputed an email must be sent to operations@hockeysa.com.au by 12pm the first business day following the issuing of the card and must outline the following
- Match
 - Time
 - Location
 - Grade
 - Player

- Umpire who issued the card
- Reason for card
- Reason for dispute (including any supporting documentation i.e., Video footage)

20.4.4.1 The issuing of yellow cards and accumulation of yellow cards cannot be disputed.

20.4.5 To ensure a duty of care to members, Hockey SA reserves the right to determine the most appropriate course of action when dealing with alleged misconduct cards and other disciplinary matters for juniors (players in grades U18 grades below). Such determinations shall be at the absolute discretion of Hockey SA and not subject to review by any party.

20.5 Suspension

20.5.1 In the case of a suspension following a hearing under Rule 20.7, the suspension will apply from the next scheduled match after the hearing is completed and the decision is made.

20.5.2 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is under any suspension must not enter a team dugout or playing area for a match controlled by Hockey SA until that suspension is served.

20.5.3 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is under any suspension from any Hockey SA club or Regional Association must not play or be engaged in any game in any Hockey SA sanctioned competition, until that suspension is served regardless of the division or competition in which the suspension was imposed.

20.5.4 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is found guilty by a tribunal hearing and suspended, is ineligible for Hockey SA awards in that year.

20.5.5 Any club that plays a suspended player or engages a suspended coach, manager or team official for a match:

20.5.5.1 will forfeit the match(es) and

20.5.5.2 may be subject to whatever further suspension or other penalties as determined by Hockey SA, including financial penalties

20.6 Reports

In the event of misconduct taking place during a match any official or club/ club representative may submit a report to HSA. This report must be submitted in writing to operations@hockeysa.com.au and received no later than 1pm on the second business day following the match. The report submitted must be submitted on the form provided in Appendix 8.1 and include the following information.

- 20.6.1 match details including date, start time, teams participating
- 20.6.2 names of umpires and other officials
- 20.6.3 name and signature(s) of reporting umpire(s), or club officials/representative
- 20.6.4 a brief statement outlining the alleged misconduct N.B. this may be accompanied by more detailed reports in separate documents including statements by witnesses
- 20.6.5 the name(s) of the reported person(s)
 - 20.6.5.1 the name(s) of any witnesses
 - 20.6.5.2 in the case of an alleged misconduct against another person(s), the name of the aggrieved person(s).
- 20.6.6 Any report submitted that is not completed in full may be dismissed by Hockey SA at their discretion
- 20.6.7 Hockey SA in its unfettered discretion may dismiss or choose not to investigate any matter which it determines is a vexatious claim.
- 20.6.8 Hockey SA will Endeavor to ensure that all matters are completed in accordance with the timeline outlined in Appendix 8.3
- 20.6.9 On review of the report Hockey SA will determine if the matter will be dealt with by:
 - a) Referred to a hearing under Rule 20.7
 - b) Offer of an early plea
 - c) Mediation
 - d) A combination of the above
 - e) No action is to be taken
 - f) In any other manner which Hockey SA deems appropriate and such determination shall be at the absolute discretion of Hockey SA and not subject to review by any party
- 20.6.10 If a hearing under Rule 20.7 is conducted on the basis of a report, copies of the report and supporting documentation must be forwarded to the reported person(s) with notification of the hearing.
- 20.6.11 Where it is alleged that the person(s) has breached a rule or Code of Behaviour they must also be supplied with the relevant documents that contain those rules or Code of Behaviour.

20.6.12 An Umpire must not report a player for misconduct unless the umpire considers that, in all the circumstances, the dispositions available to the umpire under the FIH Rules of Hockey do not adequately address the severity of the misconduct the subject of the charge.

20.6.13 Should Hockey SA determine sufficient evidence is available they may offer an early plea of a penalty in line with Appendix 8.2 Penalty Misconduct System. This offer will be made in writing.

20.6.14 Should the person/s reported not wish to accept an early plea they have 24 hours from the time of receipt to accept or reject the offer. Should they fail to do so Hockey SA will determine if the penalty will automatically apply or if the matter will be referred to a hearing under Rule 20.7.8

20.7 Hearings

20.7.1 All reports determined by Hockey SA to be heard at a hearing shall be done so under the following terms

20.7.1.1 Hockey SA will appoint a suitably experienced third parties to conduct hearings as they deem necessary. Parties appointed should not have a conflict of interest in the matter.

20.7.1.2 The parties will form a hearing panel ideally of three members but a minimum of two.

20.7.1.3 The hearing panel can require any player, coach, manager or other team official to attend any meeting or hearing and appoint a time or place for it.

20.7.1.4 The hearing panel may give any other directions it reasonably considers necessary to deal with the handling of the referral or to ensure its speedy conduct.

20.7.1.5 Players, coaches, managers and other team officials must comply with the directions under Rule 20.7.

20.7.1.6 At a hearing each party must give provide a brief but complete statement of the dispute or disciplinary matter as the party understands it, and a statement of the orders the party seeks.

20.7.1.7 Each party must then provide a brief but complete statement answering the other party's statement.

20.7.1.8 The hearing panel is not required to decide anything out of a referral according to law.

20.7.1.9 The hearing panel is not bound by rules of evidence.

20.7.1.10 The hearing panel is required to ensure that the rules of natural justice are observed in all matters referred to it under Rule 20.7.

- 20.7.1.11 The hearing panel may rely on the information contained in team lists in Hockey SA's prescribed match recording system in making any decision under these rules.
- 20.7.1.12 A lawyer or anybody else must not represent a party at a meeting or hearing. However, a club may be represented by one of its directors or other officers. A junior member may be accompanied, but not represented, by a club official.
- 20.7.1.13 If a party does not attend at a meeting or hearing, the hearing panel can proceed in their absence and that party shall waive their right to appeal unless non-appearance is due to exceptional circumstances accepted by Hockey SA
- 20.7.1.14 The hearing panel may suspend, fine or direct a party to undertake such remedial actions as Hockey SA sees fit. In determining penalties, the panel shall use the Appendix 8.2 Misconduct Penalty System as a guide.
- 20.7.1.15 The hearing panel is required to provide reasons in writing for its decisions in relation to the outcomes of hearings. This should be provided by 5pm the first business day following the hearing.
- 20.7.1.16 A hearing panel may extend suspension where misleading or false information is supplied during a hearing.

20.8 Appeals

- 20.8.1 Only parties involved and directly affected by the outcome of hearing under Rule 20.7 may lodge an appeal.
- 20.8.2 The party wanting to appeal in accordance with Rule 20.7 must lodge a letter within 3 business days after the date they are informed of the relevant decision to the CEO of Hockey SA that either:
- 20.8.2.1 sets out the basis for their appeal with new and compelling facts or
 - 20.8.2.2 seeks and justifies an extension for their appeal.
 - 20.8.2.3 A bond of \$500.00 must be paid to Hockey SA. The bond can be paid via any one of the following methods:
 - (i) cheque;
 - (ii) money order;
 - (iii) cash; or
 - (iv) electronic funds transfer.

The bond must be paid, or the required evidence be supplied to HSA that the bond has been paid by 5pm 3 business days after the date they are informed of the relevant decision.

The bond may be refunded in part or in full at HSA's determination. A full refund will be made in all cases where HSA finds in favour of the club that lodged the match dispute.
- 20.8.3 The CEO of Hockey SA is required to acknowledge the receipt of any appeal or extension received within 3 business days after the date that the relevant party is informed of the decision.
- 20.8.4 If the letter of appeal is not received by the CEO of Hockey SA within the time period, the right of appeal lapses.
- 20.8.5 The CEO of Hockey SA shall review the letter setting out the basis for the appeal and decide whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal to proceed. To avoid any conflict of interest, any matter originally referred by the CEO of Hockey SA or when concerns about impartiality exist, shall automatically be referred to an Appeal Tribunal.
- 20.8.6 The Appeal Tribunal will be appointed by the CEO of Hockey SA and will consist of:
- 20.8.6.1 the Commissioner if the original matter was heard by the Deputy Commissioner
 - 20.8.6.2 the Deputy Commissioner if the original matter was heard by the Commissioner
 - 20.8.6.3 a representative of the Hockey SA Board

- 20.8.6.4 a representative of the Metropolitan Competition Committee
- 20.8.6.5 the Member Protection Information Officer (optional).
- 20.8.7 If the appellant has not shown sufficient grounds for appeal in accordance with Rule 20.7, then the appeal will be rejected. The appellant will be notified with reasons. If the appeal is accepted, an Appeal Tribunal will be convened to rehear the complaint.
- 20.8.8 The rules for an appeal will be the same as the rules for a hearing.
- 20.8.9 The decision of an Appeal Tribunal will be final.
- 20.9 Indemnify
 - 20.9.1 The parties indemnify Hockey SA from any cost or loss arising from a decision under these rules.
- 20.10 Impact on a match result
 - 20.10.1 If a penalty under this Rule is likely to affect a match result, Hockey SA must advise the club of the opposing team as soon as possible and notify all other clubs with teams in the relevant division by notation on the premiership ladder in Hockey SA's designated match recording system.

21. Anti-doping

Hockey SA requires all players to abide by the conditions of the Hockey Australia Anti-Doping Policy

22. Review Of Administrative Decisions

22.1 Definition

22.1 In this Part, “administrative decision” means a decision made by HSA:

- a) to refuse an application for:
 - (i) the Dual Registration of a player [Rule 7.2];
 - (ii) the transfer of a player’s registration [Rule 8];
 - (iii) the entry of a team into the metropolitan competition under the grading processes outlined in Rule 6
- b) to revoke the registration of a player [Rule 7.1]; or;
- c) to impose a fine, or other penalty (including forfeit of match points), against a club for a breach of the competition rules; or
- d) to fine, or otherwise penalise, an Affiliate for unauthorised alteration of a team sheet entered into Hockey SA’s designated match recording system or for making an inaccurate entry in the Match recording system (Rule 18.5); or;
- e) to determine a Match Result Dispute under Rule 18.5.2.

22.2 – 22.4 Investigation and Disciplinary Process

22.2 An Affiliate which is the subject of an administrative decision may make application for review of that decision only upon the grounds that the decision was made of a result of a misinterpretation, or misapplication, of the relevant Rule or Regulation

22.3

- a) An application for review of an administrative decision in respect to Rule 22.1 (a) (b) (c) or
- b) must be made prior to 12:00pm on the second business day after the date & time at which notification of the relevant decision was given, calculated by reference to the date and time recorded on the email by which such notification was given by HSA.
- c) An application for review of an administrative decision lodged in respect to Rule 22.1 (e) must be lodged in accordance with Match Result Dispute timelines (18.5.2).

22.4 An application for review must be made in writing and must:

- a) be in the form, and include the matters, set out in Appendix 9
- b) include a copy of the relevant notice of the decision given by HSA; and
- c) not include reference to any document or other information which was not made available to HSA prior to the making of the decision the subject of the application for review.

22.5 - 22.6 Application Fee

22.5 A bond of \$350.00 must be paid to HSA each time an Application for Review is made. The bond can be paid via any one of the following methods:

- a) cheque;
- b) money order;
- c) cash; or
- d) electronic funds transfer.

The bond must be paid, or satisfactory evidence provided to HSA that the bond has been paid, within two business days of the date & time recorded on the email from HSA of the original relevant decision that is the subject of the Application for Review.

22.6 The bond, paid in accordance with Rule 22.5, may be refunded in part or in full at HSA's determination. The Appeal Panel may submit their recommendations in regard to the refund of the Application bond for HSA's consideration in its determination. A full refund will be made in all cases where the Appeal Panel finds in favour of the Affiliate.

22.7 – 22.8 Review Panel

22.7 If an application for review has been made in compliance with Regulations 22.3, 22.4 and 22.5, the CEO or CEO's delegate must, within two (2) business days of receipt of that application:

- a) commence convening a panel of three persons, drawn from a pool of panel members approved by HSA, to consider and determine the application for review; and
- b) subsequent to the confirmation of panel members provide those members a copy each of:
 - (i) the application for review; and
 - (ii) the documents upon which the decision the subject of the application for review was made. Every panel convened pursuant to Rule 22.7.

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Regulations which supersede the Rules of Hockey

Below is a list of Regulations which supersede the Rules of Hockey and they apply to all metropolitan competition matches (unless specified)

BALL COLOUR

Rule 4.8: The ball is spherical, hard and white (or an agreed colour which contrasts with the playing surface).

Regulation: The ball may be yellow or white as agreed with FIH.

GREEN CARD – 2 MINUTES SUSPENSION

Rule 14.1.b: For any offence, the offending player may be warned and temporarily suspended for 2 minutes of playing time (indicated by a green card).

Regulation: For any offence, the offending player may be warned and temporarily suspended for 2 minutes of playing time (indicated by a green card).

For the duration of each temporary suspension, the offending team plays with one less player.

If a field player receives a green card, the umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card; if time has been stopped, the umpires restart it immediately after issuing the card.

If a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges receives a green card, the umpires stop the time and re-start it immediately after that player has left the field of play.

The offending player leaves the field immediately; if he/she interferes with play on their way to the designated suspension area the umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

The 2 minutes temporary suspension starts when the player is seated in the designated area.

Timing of the suspension is controlled by a technical official on duty or by the umpire if there is no technical official.

The offending player is permitted to resume play when the technical official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed.

If the offending player is a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, the technical official on duty notifies the umpires when the period of suspension has been completed; the umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.

YELLOW CARD – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

Rule 14.1.c: For any offence, the offending player may be temporarily suspended for a minimum of 5 minutes of playing time (indicated by a yellow card).

Regulation: For any offence, the offending player may be temporarily suspended for a minimum of 5 minutes of playing time (indicated by a yellow card).

The duration of temporary suspension is indicated to the technical official on duty by the umpire who issues the yellow card.

For the duration of each temporary suspension, the offending team plays with one less player.

If a field player receives a yellow card, the umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card; if time has been stopped, the umpires restart it immediately after issuing the card.

If a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges receives a yellow card, the umpires stop the time and re-start it immediately after that player has left the field of play.

The offending player leaves the field immediately; if they interfere with play on their way to the designated suspension area the umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

The temporary suspension commences when the player is seated in the designated area.

Timing of the suspension is controlled by a technical official on duty or by the umpire if there is no technical official.

The offending player is permitted to resume play when the technical official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed.

If the offending player is a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, the technical official on duty notifies the umpires when the period of suspension has been completed; the umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.

If a player coach, manager or other team official receives 2 yellow cards in a match for the same offence an umpire may deem the second card a red card (depending up-on the nature of the breach).

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

Appendix 2 – Shoot-Out Competition

In a shoot-out competition, 5 players from each team take a one-on-one shoot-out alternately against a defender from the other team as set out in this regulation. The shoot-out competition comprises all series of shoot-outs required to determine a result.

The following sets out both the playing Rules and the procedures to be followed.

1. If the shoot-out competition takes place after the end of a match, the first shoot-out should take place within 4 minutes of the end of regulation playing time.
2. The respective Team Managers provide 5 players to take and 1 player to defend the shoot-outs from those on the match card except as excluded below. A player nominated to defend the shootouts can also be nominated to take a shoot-out. No substitutions/replacements are permitted during the shoot-out competition other than as specified below.
3. A player who is still serving a disciplinary suspension by the technical official at the time the shootout competition takes place or has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition, cannot take part in that shoot-out competition. A player who has been warned (green card) or temporarily suspended (yellow card) may take part in the shoot-out competition even if the period of their suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
4. The technical official will specify the method of timing shoot-outs taking account of the facilities available and the need to control time accurately.
5. The technical official will specify the goal to be used.
6. A coin is tossed; the team which wins the toss has the choice to take or defend the first shoot-out.
7. All persons listed on the match card other than any player who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition are permitted to enter the field of play outside the 23m area used for the shoot-out but must be at least 10 metres from the spot where the ball is placed at the start of the shoot-out.
8. The goalkeeper/defending player of the team taking a shoot-out shall wait on the backline outside the circle.
9. A player taking or defending a shoot-out may enter the 23m area for that purpose.
10. Players taking a shoot-out and also defending the shoot-outs taken by opponents are allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put back on their protective equipment.
11. Five players from each team take a shoot-out alternately against the goalkeeper / defending player of the other team making a total of 10 shoot-outs.
12. Taking a shoot-out:

- a. the goalkeeper/defending player starts on or behind the goal-line between the goal posts
 - b. the ball is placed on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal
 - c. an attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball
 - d. the umpire blows the whistle to start time
 - e. the technical official or reserve umpire, standing on the pitch but outside the 23m area starts the clock
 - f. the attacker and the goalkeeper/defending player may then move in any direction
13. the shoot-out is completed when:
- a. 8 seconds has elapsed since the starting signal
 - b. a goal is scored
 - c. the attacker commits an offence
 - d. the goalkeeper/defending player commits an unintentional offence inside or outside the circle in which case the shoot-out is re-taken by the same player against the same goalkeeper/defending player
 - e. the goalkeeper/defending player commits an intentional offence inside or outside the circle, in which case a penalty stroke is awarded and taken
 - f. the ball goes out of play over the backline or side-line; this includes the goalkeeper/defending player intentionally playing the ball over the backline.
14. If a penalty stroke is awarded as specified above, it can be taken and defended by any eligible player on the match card subject to disciplinary suspension covered within paragraph 3.
15. The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has shoot- outs remaining) is the winner.
16. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
17. If during a shoot-out competition (including during any penalty stroke which is awarded) a player is suspended by a yellow or red card:
- a. that player takes no further part in that shoot-out competition and, unless a goalkeeper / defending player, cannot be replaced
 - b. the replacement for a suspended goalkeeper / defending player can only come from the five players of that team nominated to take part in the shoot-out competition:
 - i. the replacement goalkeeper / defending player is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment like that which the goalkeeper/defending player they are

replacing was wearing.

- ii. for taking their own shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
 - c. any shoot-out due to be taken by a suspended player is forfeited; any goals scored by this player before being suspended count as a goal.
18. If during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper/defending player is incapacitated:
- a. that goalkeeper/defending player may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the match card for that match, except as excluded in this Appendix or unless suspended by an umpire during the shoot-out competition.
 - b. the replacement goalkeeper:
 - i. is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the incapacitated goalkeeper/defending player was wearing
 - ii. if this replacement is also nominated to take a shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
19. 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 for that particular match, except as excluded above or unless suspended by an umpire during the shoot-out competition.
20. If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken 5 shoot-outs:
- a. a second series of 5 shoot-outs is taken with the same players, subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix
 - b. the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same as in the first series
 - c. the team whose player took the first shoot-out in a series defends the first shoot-out of the next series
 - d. when one team has scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after each team has taken the same number of shoot-outs, not necessarily being all 5 shoot-outs, that team is the winner.
21. If an equal number of goals are scored after a second series of 5 shoot-outs, additional series of shoot-outs are taken with the same players subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix:
- a. the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same in any subsequent series
 - b. the team which starts each shoot-out series alternates for each series.
22. Unless varied by this Appendix or Appendix 1, the Rules of Hockey apply during a shoot-out.

Appendix 3 – Hockey Australia Member Protection Policy

<https://www.hockey.org.au/integrity/>

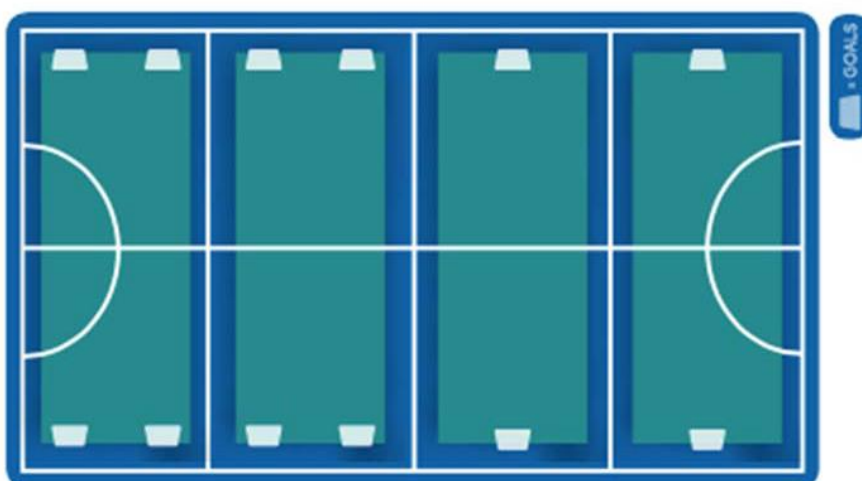
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Appendix 4 – Under 8 Grade Local Rules

Field size:	55m * 22m (1/4 Field)
Players:	7 players per side with no goalkeepers (mixed gender preferable if numbers permit)
Goal size:	As available to the club, provided they are no greater than the standard goal width and are consistent at each end of the field. This could be a 'standard hockey goal', witches' hats, markers, the plastic bollards used by local council etc.
Ball:	Kookaburra – Joey ball or standard hockey ball
Game time:	4 x 10-minute quarters
Umpires:	One umpire per game (supplied by the home team) controlling the whole field. Hockey SA encourage both clubs to provide umpires for Under 9's to promote officials
Coaches:	Coach allowed on the playing area to assist players with learning and positioning and to coordinate regular player rotations through positions.
Scoring goals:	Goals can be scored from anywhere inside the attacking half of the playing area, however, are not recorded on the match card or via the online system
Mercy Rule:	Once a team has obtained a lead of 8 goals the game will be stopped and both teams are encouraged to be combined to form two teams to compete in a scratch match for the remaining time of the fixtured match. During this scratch match scores will not be recorded
Playing rules:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hitting or raising of the ball, but slap hitting permitted • No raised balls permitted, including while shooting • Corner (long corner) rule not in play, halfway restart to attacking team • No shooting on goal from a free pass unless the ball travels 5 Meters prior to the shot. • No penalty corners or penalty strokes • No reverse sticks or tomahawks permitted "Self-play" not permitted

GAME FORMAT

1/4 Field



PLAYERS	AGE	BALL
5 - 7 A SIDE	UNDER 9/10	MODIFIED BALL
PITCH SIZE	SESSION LENGTH	GOAL LAYOUT
APPROX. (55M X 22M)	45 MIN (15 MIN SKILL 30 MIN GAME)	2 GOALS AT EACH END OR 1 GOAL AT EACH END

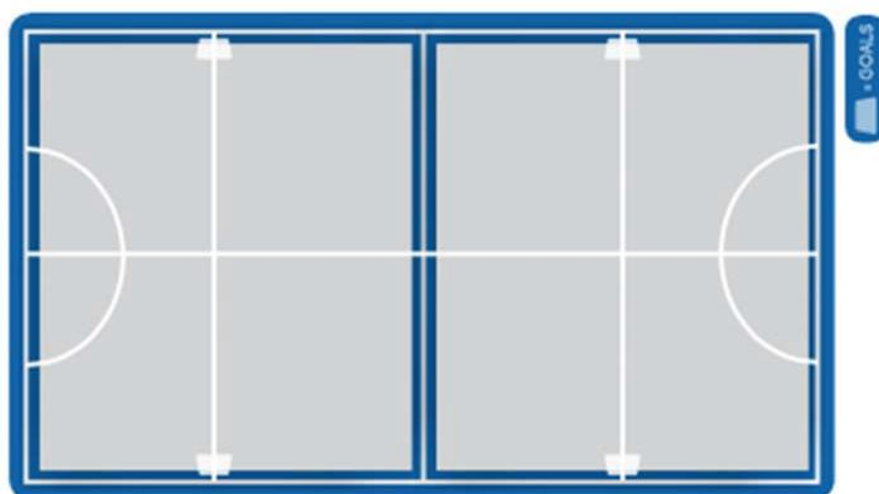
The option of playing a formal competition lays solely with the centre/club. Success of small sided games is based on having teams of equal ability. This may mean that teams are randomly selected each week to ensure teams of even ability.

Appendix 5 – Under 10 Grade Local Rules

- Field size:** 55m * 45m (1/2 Field) with standard circle (this can be marked with flat strips or permanent)
- Players:** 8 players per side which could include an optional goalkeeper. (Mixed gender preferable if numbers permit)
- Goal size:** As available to the club, provided they are no greater than the standard goal width and are consistent at each end of the field. This could be a 'standard hockey goal', witches' hats, markers, the plastic bollards used by local council etc.
- Ball:** Kookaburra – Joey ball or standard hockey ball
- Game time:** 2 X 22-minute Halves
- Umpires:** Two umpires per game with each team being responsible for supplying 1 umpire.
- Coaches:** Coach allowed to briefly enter playing area to assist players with learning and positioning and to coordinate regular player rotations through positions.
- Scoring goals:** Goals can only be scored from inside the attacking circle
- Mercy Rule:** Once the goal difference reaches an 8-goal difference, leading teams should re arrange their players to reduce their advantage. Scores will continue to be tracked but a team cannot have larger than an 8-goal lead (this allows for the trailing team to make up the deficit)
- Online results will be recorded as no greater than an 8-goal lead.
- Player rules:** Pushing, slapping and hitting allowed
 No raised balls permitted, including while shooting
 Corner (long corner) rule not in play, halfway restart to attacking team
 No shooting on goal from a free pass unless the ball travels 5 yards prior to the shot.
 4 v 3 penalty corner allowed (GK included in the 3), and facemasks required. During the penalty corner, all players that are not directly involved in the penalty corner must retreat to the opposite circle until the ball has been injected for the push out position.
 No tomahawks permitted.

GAME FORMAT

1/2 Field



PLAYERS	AGE	BALL
7 - 9 A SIDE	UNDER 11/12	MODIFIED BALL OR REGULAR BALL
PITCH SIZE	SESSION LENGTH	GOAL LAYOUT
APPROX. (55M X 45M)	45 MIN (15 MIN SKILL, 30 MIN GAME)	1 GOALS AT EACH END

The option of playing a formal competition lays solely with the centre/club. Success of small sided games is based on having teams of equal ability. This may mean that teams are randomly selected each week to ensure teams of even ability.

Appendix 6 – Under 12 Grade Local Rules

Field size: Full field with standard circle field with standard circle.

Players: 11 players per side including optional goalkeeper

(single sex) **Goal size:** Standard goals

Ball: Normal hockey

ball

Game time: 2 x 25 Minute Halves

Umpires: Two umpires per game controlling the whole field (mentoring allowed)

Coaches: Normal positioning and coaching rules apply- player rotation strongly encouraged to ensure development in all positions

Scoring goals: Goals can only be scored from inside the attacking circle, as per the rules of hockey.

Mercy Rule: Once the goal difference reaches an 8-goal difference, leading teams should re arrange their players to reduce their advantage. Scores will continue to be tracked but a team cannot have larger than an 8-goal lead (this allows for the trailing team to make up the deficit)

Online results will be recorded as no greater than an 8-goal lead.

Playing Rules: Facemasks mandatory for all defenders involved in a penalty corner.

Appendix 7 – COVID-19 Rule and Conduct Notes

Facemask Sanitation

After consultation with clubs Hockey SA have placed the following conditions around the use of facemasks while defending penalty corners.

Senior/Master's Competition

Facemasks and personal equipment (gloves/groin protectors) whilst encouraged at a senior and master's level are not mandatory. Players wishing to wear a mask or personal equipment should either have their own clearly labelled equipment or be provided with the item for the entirety of the match. Once allocated only that player should touch or wear the allocated equipment. If teams wish to sanitize equipment between short corners to ensure that all facemasks and protective equipment is clean, then this is permitted however teams must ensure that the cleaning of equipment does not affect the match.

Junior Competition

- The use of facemasks, whilst not mandatory is highly encouraged to be worn by all players defending a short corner.
- Players are not to share facemasks under any circumstances.
- Teams are encouraged to provide a minimum of 4 facemasks per side.
- Each mask is to be allocated to a player for the game and only that player is to touch or wear the facemask
- Mask should be clearly identified with coloured tape or similar, to minimise the time required to find masks when a short corner is called
- Should a team not have a full contingent on the field at the time of a short corner being called the officials will stop play and allow for a player to be substituted to ensure the team can have 4 of the face mask allocated players + GK defending the short corner
- Play will continue as per normal following a short corner. Play will not be stopped to allow for substitutions following a short corner

Permits

The Hockey SA permit panel will take the effects of COVID-19 into consideration when discussing permit rulings.

Spitting

As COVID-19 is transmitted via droplet transmission, Hockey SA is placing a strong stance on spitting on the field. If a player is seen spitting umpires are directed to issue the following

- Green Card – First instance of spitting
- Yellow Card – Repeat instance

Technical Benches

In 2022 Hockey SA will only be appointing one (1) technical official to operate the tech bench to avoid close contact between two (2) individuals for an extended period. With this change Hockey SA ask that all Premier League and Metro 1 teams assist the appointed Technical Official and Umpires in the administration of the match to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Appendix 8.1 - Report Form

This form is to be used for any report being lodged under Rule 20.6

It must be completed in full and emailed to operations@hockeysa.com.au by no later than 1:00pm on the second business day after the conclusion of the match.

Clubs Submission – must be sighted and signed by Club President.

Officials – must be sighted and signed by Officials Advisor.

Match Details:

First Named Team:		Second Named Team:	
Date:		Round:	
Venue:		Grade:	
		Time:	

Details of Report:

Full Name (if known):		Club:	
Location of Incident: (e.g., ground, players bench etc)			
Type of Incident: (e.g., verbal or physical abuse)	Refer to Level and Type of Charge from Penalty Misconduct System Appendix 8.2		

Contact Details of those involved (if known):

Full Name:		Role & Club: (e.g., player, club)		Contact Details:	
Full Name:		Role & Club: (e.g., witness)		Contact Details:	
Full Name:		Role & Club: (e.g., player, club)		Contact Details:	
Full Name:		Role & Club:		Contact Details:	

Injuries (if applicable):

Name of treating medical practitioner: _____

Details:

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Version of Events (attached a separate sheet if more room is needed):

Details:

Reporter Details:

Full Name:		Signature:	
Date:		Role: (e.g., umpire/club official)	
Contact Details:			
Reviewer Name		Reviewer Signature	

Appendix 8.2 Penalty Misconduct System

Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures		
OFFENSE & LEVEL		
LEVEL 1	TOWARD	RECOMMENDED PENALTY
Using language and/or gestures in frustration	N/A	1 Match Suspension
LEVEL 2		
Using offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures;	Match Participant (Player, Coach, Team Official)	2 Match Suspension
	Match Spectator	1 Match Suspension
LEVEL 3	Match / Team / HSA / HA Official	3 Match Suspension
Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive, abusive, or intimidating language and/or gestures	Match Participant (Player, Coach, Team Official)	4 Match Suspension
	Match Spectator	4 Match Suspension
	Match / Team / HSA / HA Official	6 Match Suspension

Vilification		
OFFENSE & DEFINITION	TOWARD	RECOMMENDED PENALTY
Acting or speaking in such a way that threatens, disparages, vilifies, or insults another person on the basis of that person's age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, race, culture or religion.	Match Participant (Player, Coach, Team Official)	6 Match Suspension
	Match Spectator	6 Match Suspension
	Match / Team / HSA / HA Official	7 Match Suspension

Misconduct - Other	
OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED PENALTY
Constant/Repeated attempts to influence an official's decision	Reprimand
Making public statements which are not fair, constructive, or reasonable and involve a personal attack on another player, umpire, appointed official or administrator	3 Week Suspension
Not leaving field of play when directed	2 Match Suspension
Participation in a match in an unfit state	4 Match Suspension
E.g. under the influence of alcohol or drugs	
Unauthorised entry to field of play	2 Match Suspension
Bringing the game into disrepute	5 Match Suspension
Contempt of or shows contempt for the Tribunal and/or Tribunal or Appeals process	\$250

Violent Conduct		
OFFENSE & LEVEL	TOWARD	RECOMMENDED PENALTY
LEVEL 1	Match Participant (Player, Coach, Team Official)	2 Match Suspension
Physical Conduct: Pushing, grabbing, tripping, etc.)	Match Spectator	2 Match Suspension
	Match / Team / HSA / HA Official	3 Match Suspension
LEVEL 2	Match Participant (Player, Coach, Team Official)	6 Match Suspension
Attempted Strike: with body or implement (E.g. stick, ball, etc.)	Match Spectator	6 Match Suspension
	Match / Team / HSA / HA Official	8 Match Suspension

LEVEL 3	Match Participant (Player, Coach, Team Official)	8 Match Suspension
Striking: Open or closed fist, elbow, leg, etc. or with use of an implement (E.g. stick, ball, etc.) (Contact Made)	Match Spectator	8 Match Suspension
	Match / Team / HSA / HA Official	10 Match Suspension

Appendix 8.3 Discipline Time Frames

Time (After the incident)	Action
Prior to 1:00pm Second Business Day	Report to be submitted to HSA
Prior to 5:00pm Second Business Day	HSA to determine if early plea will be offered and advise clubs accordingly.
Prior to 12:00pm Third Business Day	HSA to notify (via email) affected Clubs and Club Associates of the hearing date and time
Prior to 12:00pm First Business Day following hearing	HSA to notify all affected Clubs and Club Associates of the outcome of the Investigation. Notification to include details of penalty or penalties if applicable.

Appendix 9.0 Application for Review of Administrative Decision

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Name of Affiliate:

Other Affected Affiliate¹:

Decision sought to be reviewed:

Grounds of Review²: (Attach a separate sheet if insufficient space)

Application Fee:

- a) A cheque/money order in the sum of \$350.00, made payable to HSA, is enclosed.
- b) The sum of \$350.00 was transferred into HSA's account, as detailed below:
 - (i) Account Name:
 - (ii) BSB / Account No:
 - (iii) Date paid:
 - (iv) Confirmation number: **Please ensure that the Club's name is included in "payer's details".
- c) (c) \$200.00 in cash is enclosed (in person only).

Date: Name:.....

Club President / Club Secretary / Club Treasurer

[Only the above Club Signatories will be accepted - please circle Club Position]

¹ Match Result Disputes only.

² Set-out the reasons why you say that the relevant provision, or provisions, of the Rules or Regulations, was misinterpreted, or misapplied, in the making of the decision sought to be reviewed.