



# 2023 JUNIOR COMPETITION RULES

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## PART A – INTERPRETATION

### 1. Application and interpretation of these rules

- 1.1. These rules govern the main Junior Winter Outdoor Hockey Season Competitions between Clubs affiliated with the Association, and other Hockey ACT competitions as determined by the Hockey ACT Membership Coordinator (MC) and approved by the CEO of Hockey ACT.
- 1.2. These rules are approved by the Junior Competitions Advisory Committee (JCAC) under the provisions of the Hockey ACT Constitution and can be amended under those provisions. The JCAC is the committee appointed by the Hockey ACT Board to advise on the interpretation and operation of these rules and is also the committee responsible for recommending any amendments to these rules. The JCAC operates under a terms of reference approved and published by the Board under By-law 6.2. of the Hockey ACT Competition By-laws.
- 1.3. These competition rules are to be read in conjunction with other Hockey ACT documents including the Constitution, General By-laws, Member Protection Policy, Facility Rules, Disciplinary Tribunal Rules, Appeals Panels Rules, Competition By-laws and Hookin2Hockey Handbook. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between these rules and other Association governing documents, the JCAC will provide a provisional ruling, considering that no by-law or regulation may be inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and that the Board may have to issue a final ruling.

### 2. Definitions

- 2.1. The Definitions set out in the Hockey ACT Constitution and Competition By-laws shall apply in these Competition Rules. Terms starting with capital letters have formal definitions that can be found in the definitions in the Competition By-Laws.

## PART B – COMPETITION STRUCTURE

### 3. Grade structure

- 3.1. The main Junior Winter Outdoor Hockey Season Competitions consist of Graded Competitions for girls and for boys.
- 3.2. Clubs may enter teams to participate in the following Competitions for girls:
  - 3.2.1. Under 18 Competition: All members of the team must be female and less than 18 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
  - 3.2.2. Under 15 Competition: All members of the team must be female and less than 15 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
  - 3.2.3. Under 13 Competition: All members of the team must be female and less than 13 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
  - 3.2.4. Under 11 Competition: All members of the team must be female and less than 11 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
- 3.3. Clubs may enter teams to participate in the following Competitions for boys:
  - 3.3.1. Under 18 Competition: All members of the team must be male and less than 18 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
  - 3.3.2. Under 15 Competition: All members of the team must be male and less than 15 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
  - 3.3.3. Under 13 Competition: All members of the team must be male and less than 13 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.

- 3.3.4. Under 11 Competition: All members of the team must be male and less than 11 years old on the first of January in the year concerned.
- 3.4. Within each of the competitions specified in Junior Competition Rules 3.2 & 3.3 teams may be further placed into divisions .
- 3.5. Divisions within an age group of the same gender are considered to be related competitions, with Division 1 being considered a higher grade than Division 2. Should a third division (Division 3) be established it will be considered the lowest division.
- 3.6. The exact number of grades and the number of teams in each grade is determined by the MC in conjunction with the JCAC. Players, teams and Clubs will be invited to register to participate by the MC under the provisions of By-law 5 of the Competition By-laws.
- 3.7. Individual players may be registered in only one team, in only one grade, and with only one Club, except where a player has been permitted dual registration under Competition By-Law 11.8.
- 3.8. In accordance with Competition Bylaw 12.4 Clubs must submit team lists of registered players consisting of at least eleven (11) players per team. Goal keepers must also be identified on the list along with any other player requirement (e.g. dual registration). An exemption request for this requirement for exceptional circumstances may be granted. When submitting team lists, Clubs should consider rule 4.9.
- 3.9. A player can play a maximum of two (2) Junior Competition games in a round.

## PART C – PLAYER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCES

### 4. Player Registration

- 4.1. A player's registration determines which Competitions and teams a player is eligible to play. It is also the basis for player movements between divisions, age groups and teams.
- 4.2. A player's initial registration is in the team and age group in which they were registered by their clubs as per rule 3.8. In these rules, players registered in more than one team (e.g. players granted dual registration Competition By-Law 11.8) will be considered to be a separate player for each registration.
- 4.3. Players, in junior competitions, may not play for a team from any Club other than the one with which they are a registered player.
- 4.3.1. Players may be registered with two clubs only when playing in a joint team (two clubs joining together to create a team for the season). Where both clubs have teams in a higher/lower division or grade, the player must only play in their primary registered club as per Competition By-Law 11.7.5..
- 4.4. A player must not play in a team below that in which they are registered without the prior approval.

- 4.5. A registered player may play in competitions for their Club up one age group higher than their age (e.g. a 10 year old can play U11s and U13s only).
- 4.6. A player graded as a Goal Keeper in one competition and intending to also play on the field in a lower graded competition must seek dual registration, in accordance with Competition By-law 11.8.
- 4.7. If a Club has more than one team in the same age group and division players registered in one team may not play for the other team in that age group and division.
- 4.8. Representative players (Hockey Australia national championship participants) are required to play only Division 1 in their representative age groups (i.e. an U13 representative player must play U13s Division 1 but may also play U15 Division 2); however, if the player's registered Club does not provide a Division 1 team in their age group they may play Division 2 if the Club acknowledges the players representation in their team list submission.
- 4.9. For the purpose of applying the provisions of these competition rules relating to interchange of players between teams, matches played early in a round shall not be counted until the end of all matches in that round.

## 5. Clearances

- 5.1. A written application by a club outlining a request for clearance must be sent to the MC. Unless otherwise stated in writing, all clearances will be regarded as temporary, that is, applicable for one round only. Temporary clearances should be sought by 5:00pm on the Wednesday preceding the relevant game.
- 5.2. In exceptional circumstances, permission for a player to play in an age group or division for which the player would not by reason of their registered team be eligible may be granted. The MC may rescind this permission at any point.
- 5.3. A permanent clearance may be granted, that is, change the player's registration for the remainder of the season. Requests for permanent clearances should be made in writing to the MC at least seven (7) days before required. A response must be sent to requests for permanent clearances within five (5) working days of receipt.
- 5.4. In the first instance, Clubs should attempt to fill vacancies in teams by promoting players from lower divisions and age groups. Clearances will generally only be granted to allow a team to field a team of twelve(12) players for a match. A clearance will not be granted unless the Club can reasonably satisfy that promotion of lower grade players is not possible in this instance and that they will have difficulty fielding a complete team of 12 players if the clearance is not granted.
  - 5.4.1. An exception to Rule 5.4. is the Under 11's competition in which case a clearance may be sought for a team to field 9 players.
- 5.5. In all cases where Clubs require players from the other gender to play in a match, a temporary clearance must be sought. Clubs will need to show that all options have been exhausted to fill the vacancy with players of the same gender and is not possible and that the clearance is only to make-up a team of 12 players unless clearance is given for a Goal Keeper.
  - 5.5.1. Permanent clearance may be sought in U11 competitions and only given in extenuating circumstances.

## PART D – MATCHES AND FIXTURES

### 6. Conduct of Matches

Unless otherwise specified in these Rules, all competition hockey matches shall be played in accordance with the rules issued by the FIH Hockey Rules Board and current Hockey Australia and Hockey ACT interpretations.

- 6.1. A team cannot begin a match with fewer than 7 players. In cases where a team enters the field of play with less than 7 players, that team will be granted 10 minutes to find necessary players before they must forfeit the game. The 10 minutes granted will not be classified as additional time but will be part of the rolling clock which will start at the time the match was supposed to begin.
- 6.2. Junior Competition matches shall consist of two 25 minute halves with a three minute half time break.
- 6.3. Hockey ACT will determine the minimum and maximum number of players per team for any modified competitions they deliver.
- 6.4. Times for start, half time and finish for all matches (excluding finals matches) shall be signalled, where possible, by means of a siren or similar device as arranged by umpires unless a ground manager has been allocated.
- 6.5. No extra time shall be added in any match (excluding finals matches) to compensate for loss of time through injuries or for any reason, other than to allow completion of a penalty already awarded.
- 6.6. When a team cannot or does not take the field at the commencement time of a match, the starting time of the match will be delayed for up to five (5) minutes. Time will not be added, restarted or altered to compensate for the delay. If a team cannot or does not take the field after a five (5) minute delay, a forfeit will be awarded to the team that does take the pitch.
- 6.7. If any person from the team bench and / or the on-duty Medical Officer enters the Field of Play and attends a player:
  - 6.7.1. that player must leave the Field of Play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of two minutes of playing time;
    - 6.7.1.1. Goal Keepers may be assessed on the field of play without being required to leave the field of play for any amount of time.
  - 6.7.2. The two minutes period will be managed by the umpires on duty;
  - 6.7.3. The player required to leave the Field of Play may be substituted in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.

### 7. Equipment and Officials

- 7.1. Clubs are responsible for the supply of suitable match balls.
- 7.2. All players must play in the approved uniform for their Club. Changes to a Club's uniform must be approved by the MC in consultation with the JCAC.

- 7.3. Where teams with similar coloured uniforms are opposed in a match, the team first named in the draw shall wear contrasting coloured socks and/or shirts.
- 7.4. Players are not permitted to wear a hard-peaked hat or a watch during competition matches. Players must remove, or cover with tape, all other jewellery before taking the field.
- 7.5. All players must wear covered footwear and shin guards. It is highly recommended that players wear a mouth guard.
- 7.6. In consultation with the Clubs, prescribe other items of equipment to be provided by Clubs and/or specify restrictions on player equipment and uniform.
- 7.7. Umpires are appointed while compiling the competition fixtures in conjunction with the Umpire and Technical Committee (UTC). Hockey ACT facilitates umpire development programs and reserves the right to assign umpires in these programs to junior competition games or whole divisions.
- 7.8. No decision made by an umpire during a match can be appealed. Reports on umpire performance can be forwarded to the MC.
- 7.9. For competition matches, each team may have up to nineteen (19) people in the vicinity of the playing facility (i.e. on the field or in the dug-out), which will include a maximum of sixteen (16) players, plus any support team including a manager, a coach, an assistant coach, a doctor, a physiotherapist and/or a masseur.
- 7.10. All Clubs, teams and individuals (players and officials) must abide by any rules applying to the playing facilities, published on the Hockey ACT website.
- 7.11. In particular competitions, as specified by the MC, coaches are permitted onto the field during matches; however, they must not enter the circles during play and must wear different coloured clothes from their team and the opposition. A coach allowed on the field in ordinary matches may be removed from the field of play if his/her behaviour is unacceptable to either umpire or participant.
- 7.11.1. One coach per team shall be allowed on the playing field during matches in the Under 11 Competitions, up to and including round 7 of the competition.
- 7.11.2. One coach per team shall be allowed on the playing field during matches in the Under 13 Division 2 Competitions, up to and including round 7 of the competition.

## 8. Fixtures and Deferrals

- 8.1. All matches must be played at the date, time and place specified in the competition draw, unless:
- 8.1.1. In view of extenuating circumstances the MC in consultation with the JCAC decides to reschedule a match or round; or

8.1.2. It is the view of the team coaches and umpires officiating at a game that the playing conditions are unsafe or unfit for play and the game is abandoned or deferred - refer to the Hockey ACT Weather Policy

8.2. Clubs wanting to defer a match in accordance with Rule 8.1.1 due to extenuating circumstances must present a Reschedule Request Form for consideration at least 3 weeks prior to the match.

## 9. Rescheduled Games

9.1. Where a game does not start or is discontinued before the completion of the first half due to unsafe or impossible conditions under rule 8.1.2, the game will be determined whether or not it will be rescheduled and if so, to what date, time and venue. If such a game is rescheduled, it will be played again in full. If such a game is not rescheduled, the determination of the allocation of any points for the game or shall deem the game to be a non event.

9.2. Games shall be considered abandoned if, after the commencement of the second half the umpires, in consultation with the coaches, discontinue the game on the basis that continuation of play is unsafe or impossible. The score of an abandoned game shall stand and points shall be awarded accordingly.

## 10. Forfeits

10.1. In accordance with Rule 6.5. a team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match if it fails to take the field within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time.

10.2. Where both teams fail to take the field at the scheduled time, these circumstances shall be deemed a double forfeit. Capacity to field a team by either side after the scheduled time shall not redeem a double forfeit.

10.3. In all instances where a Club is unable to field a team, the Club must take reasonable steps to notify the MC and the opposing team and Club in advance. A team will receive no competition points for a forfeit, but if the Club fails to give advance notice, an additional penalty on that team for an un-notified forfeit may be applied.

10.3.1. The CEO may determine that a team with more than three (3) un-notified forfeits is ineligible to play for the remainder of the season.

10.4. If a match is discontinued due to the actions of one of the teams, the umpire may restart that match when deemed appropriate by the umpire. For example, no person, other than a player or umpire properly engaged in a match shall enter the field of play during the match, unless he/she is invited to do so by an umpire. In the event of a serious injury to a player or umpire, a person may enter the playing field without permission of an umpire if the injured player requires immediate medical treatment.

10.5. A team receiving a forfeit must submit complete match records (see rule 11), including the names of individuals that were intending to play (which may be important in order for those players to be eligible to play in finals under rule 14).

## 11. Match Records and Reports

11.1. All players must be registered in the Hockey ACT online database (RevSport) prior to them taking part in any Hockey ACT outdoor competition.



11.2. All players must be selected in the team list on the Hockey ACT online database (RevSport) prior to them taking the field for any Hockey ACT outdoor competition. No exemptions will be granted for late team list entry.

11.3. The first named team is responsible for entering the correct match result into the online system 48 hours following when the match was played. The second named team must confirm the result of the match. Both teams must also enter their team lists and player statistics prior to the 48 hour deadline. The online system to be used is Revolutionise Sports Online database (RevSport). Information entered into the RevSport system will be the official record of the score and both teams are responsible for ensuring that the match statistics are correctly entered for their respective teams.

11.3.1. Teams who do not enter match results and do not enter team lists and player statistics will be subject to penalties outlined in rule 17.

11.4. Each umpire shall also clearly print his/her name and the match score on the umpire attendance sheet available at each field.

11.5. If at any time, the umpires are uncertain of the eligibility of a player to play, the umpires shall note the circumstances of this decision on the umpire attendance sheet for possible action.

11.6. A team representative may, via RevSport, or later in writing, request to investigate the eligibility of the player or protest the eligibility of the player.

11.7. All temporary and permanent suspensions (yellow and red cards) must be noted on RevSport. The MC shall keep a record of all suspensions and where necessary, refer to these records and reports of suspensions for possible disciplinary action under rule 17.

11.8. Where a player is temporarily (yellow card) or permanently (red card) suspended from further participation in the game, the suspending umpire must record the suspension on the Penalty Card register. The umpire is to provide a more detailed incident report, within forty-eight (48) hours of the match in which the suspension occurred to the MC. The umpire should recommend in their report whether or not they consider further disciplinary action to be necessary.

11.8.1. Players receiving a red card (and that person's team coach and/or Club) may also submit a report in writing on the matter to the MC, within forty-eight (48) hours of the match in which the suspension occurred.

11.8.2. The MC will action all red card reports as described in the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules and Procedures.

11.8.3. A player currently under suspension as a result of action for a disciplinary matter or who receives a red card is no longer eligible to play and may not take part in the remainder of the match in which they received the red card.

## 12. Competition Points and Position in the Competition

12.1. Competition points shall be awarded as follows:

WIN	3 points	DRAW	1 point	LOSS	0 points
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FORFEIT (given) 0 points and a score of 0 goals for and 6 goals against

FORFEIT (received) 3 points and a score of 6 goals for and 0 goals against

DOUBLE FORFEIT 0 points and a score of 0 goals for and 0 goals against

12.2. If both teams forfeit a match under Rule 10.4, a double forfeit will be awarded.

12.3. No competition points shall be awarded to a team or to any teams of a Club which has been declared un-financial (including for non-payment of fees and charges) by the Association under the Hockey ACT General By-laws.

12.4. If all teams have played an equal number of matches at the completion of the round matches, the final position of each team in a grade shall be determined by applying each of the following tests in order:

12.4.1. Competition points earned;

12.4.2. Goals difference;

12.4.3. Goals for;

12.4.4. Results of the matches played between the equally ranked teams with the higher placed team progressing based on games won, goals difference and goals for of the games played between the two teams in order.

12.4.5. Should the Teams be on equal standing after the above, a coin toss will be conducted to determine a winner.

12.5. If teams have played an unequal number of matches at the completion of the round matches, the final position of each team shall be determined by applying each of the following tests in order:

12.5.1. By the number of percentage points awarded, calculated by expressing as a percentage the number of points awarded to the team during the Competition divided by the number of points which would have been awarded to the team had it won all of its matches in that Competition

12.5.2. By goal average, calculated by subtracting the number of goals against, from the number of goals for the team, weighted by dividing the result by the number of games played;

12.5.3. By the team scoring the greatest number of goals per game;

12.5.4. Results of the matches played between the equally ranked teams with the higher placed team progressing based on number of percentage points, goal average and greatest number of goals per games of the games played between the two teams in order.;

12.5.5. Should the Teams be on equal standing after the above, a coin toss will be conducted to determine a winner.

- 12.6. If the structure of the competition changes during the season (due to the addition or withdrawal of a team) and this creates a competition where teams play an unequal number of matches at the completion of the round matches, the MC will decide the process for determining the final position of each team, in consultation with the JCAC.

## PART E – FINALS

### 13. Finals Matches

- 13.1. No deferments of finals matches will be permitted
- 13.2. The format of the finals series will be determined by the MC in consultation with the JCAC. This format will be included in the competition fixtures.
- 13.3. The umpires are responsible for keeping time for all finals matches.
- 13.4. In finals matches the MC in consultation with the JCAC may decide to direct that extra time shall be added to compensate for any loss of time caused through injury, penalty strokes or any other reason at the umpire's discretion. The JCAC shall publish any decision made under this rule, at least seven (7) days before the start of the finals series, together with details of how finals matches are to be decided under rule 15.

### 14. Eligibility for Finals

- 14.1. A team may not participate in finals matches unless all monies owing to the Association by that team or that team's Club have been paid at the completion of the round matches (refer to the Hockey ACT General By-laws).
- 14.2. No player shall be eligible to play in finals in more than one team in the same age and division.
- 14.3. A player may not play in finals matches for a team unless he or she has played at least fifty percent of the round matches played by that team and would also have been eligible to play in the last round match for that team barring any period of suspension.
- 14.3.1. Players who have qualified for a division one team cannot play in division two finals unless they have qualified directly as per rule 14.2. For example a U15 division 1 player may not play U18 Division 2 unless they have qualified directly as per rule 14.2.
- 14.3.2. If fifty percent of round matches is not a whole number, then the number of matches required to be played is rounded downwards to the nearest whole number. For example, in a 15 round competition the required number of games to be eligible is seven (7).
- 14.3.3. Clubs will not have the ability to retrospectively add players to team list in RevSPORT. It is the responsibility of all clubs to ensure that their players are registered and 'active' in the system thus allowing them to be selected in teams lists from week to week.

- 14.4. With approval, a player shall be deemed to have played games for which they were unavailable solely because of Hockey ACT or Hockey Australia commitments when determining the number of round matches in which a player has played for a team. It will be the Club's responsibility to inform the MC of relevant cases and appropriate information.
- 14.5. A player shall be deemed to have played games for which they were unavailable to participate in because of injury or illness if the club supplies medical certification to the MC. However, where a player has participated in fewer than 4 matches, Rule 14.7 shall take precedence.
- 14.6. The JCAC may, in exceptional circumstances, on application by a Club, deem a player eligible for a finals match, even if the strict requirements of the above rules have not been met. When seeking clearance Clubs should outline why the player has not played the required number of matches in the season (example, injury) and how many players they expect to have available in the match.
- 14.7. If a player has played fewer than 3 games throughout the season, a clearance cannot be sought by the individual or club and they will not be permitted to play in finals series.
- 14.8. By the date determined, Clubs must provide to the MC lists of players expected to play for each of that Club's teams that have qualified to play finals. This is for eligibility checking to allow for a sufficient amount of time for clearance requests to be submitted and processed if required.
- 14.9. The captain or team manager of a team playing in a finals match must present a list of the players who are actually going to play in that match at least thirty (30) minutes before the match is due to start. The player list must be presented to a member of the JCAC to verify player eligibility against the list approved for that team under the competition rules.
- 14.10. Teams participating in finals matches must nominate at least one (1) umpire that is of a suitable standard to umpire a junior finals match during the finals series. Other teams are also invited to nominate an umpire/s to participate in the finals series

## 15. Deciding Finals Matches

- 15.1. If the scores are equal at the completion of a final series match (other than a grand final), then the winner shall be determined by the ladder position of the two teams. The team highest on the ladder will be declared the winner.
- 15.2. If the scores are equal at the completion of a grand final match, the winner shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out competition in accordance with the procedure set down in the HACT Penalty Shoot-out Competition.

15.2.1. In the under 11 competition, if the scores are equal at the completion of a grand final match, the two teams will be deemed "joint premiers".

## 16. Abandoned Matches

- 16.1. In the event final matches are discontinued or abandoned due to inclement weather or other unsafe playing conditions, the umpires and team coaches will decide if play is possible (in accordance with the Hockey ACT Weather Policy). If a full game is not completed, the MC in consultation with the JCAC will decide if the game should be suspended (game to resume with

scores standing and same players), rescheduled (complete new game with fresh scores and any eligible players) or abandoned (no further play, scores at time of discontinuation of play apply).

## PART F – PENALTIES AND DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

### 17. Penalties and Disciplinary Matters

- 17.1. The decision to impose suitable penalties under By-law 18 of the Competition By-laws, on Clubs or teams for any breaches of these rules and/or the Competition By-laws. Clubs or teams have the right to request a review of JCAC decisions under By-law 7 of the Competition By-laws. Once a decision has been reviewed, Clubs or teams may appeal the final decision to the Board as specified in the Hockey ACT Appeal Guidelines.
- 17.2. All allegations of misconduct on the part of an individual (including, but not limited to a breach of these rules and/or the Competition By-laws) during, or in relation to, a competition match, including all red card reports from umpires, are considered to be disciplinary matters to be dealt with under By-law 19 of the Competition By-laws and under the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules and Procedures.
- 17.3. The decision may be made to penalise Clubs and/or teams under rule 17.1, or refer any individual for disciplinary action under rule 17.2, in any matter related to the competition and reported to the JCAC, in which the behaviour of Clubs, teams and/or individuals is contrary to an Hockey ACT policy document (e.g. the Hockey ACT Codes of Behaviour) or is contrary to the spirit of the competition as expressed in the core values in Competition By-law 3.1 (e.g. deliberately trying to conceal a breach of these rules by having someone play under a false name).

*The following outlines the specific penalties as will be issued in line with rule 17.1.*

#### 17.4. Penalty cards

17.4.1. A player who has received three (3) yellow cards in one season, for the same or similar breach (for example, breakdown and bad tackles are considered similar offences) will be issued with a one week suspension from playing in all Hockey ACT competition matches.

17.4.2. A player who has received four (4) yellow cards in one season, regardless of the consistency of reason, will be issued with a one week suspension from playing in all Hockey ACT competition matches.

17.4.3. After serving a suspension issued in accordance with 17.4.1 or 17.4.2 the yellow card count will revert to zero. A second suspension issued in accordance with 17.5.1 or 17.4.2 within one season will result in the player being issued with a two (2) week suspension from playing in all Hockey ACT competition matches.

#### 17.5. Failure to provide an umpire for an allocated duty

17.5.1. A club who fails to provide an umpire for an allocated duty will be fined \$40.

17.5.1.1. Of this \$40 fine, \$30 will be credited to the club who provided the umpire who filled in. If an umpire umpires the game by themselves then they will be credited with the \$30. The remaining \$10 of the fine will be credited to the umpire development budget.

17.5.1.2. Clubs will be made aware of a fine being applied within one week of the missed duty. Clubs will be provided with a monthly statement of fines and credits.

17.6. No player is eligible to take the field unless they are registered and selected in the team list on RevSport. Where a club is found to play a player that is not registered in RevSport, a forfeit will be applied to the team that the player played for. No exemptions for this rule will be granted.

17.7. Failure to record results and statistics on RevSport.

17.7.1. Where a team has failed to enter the result of a match and or enter a team lists with appropriate goal and penalty card statistics the following penalties shall apply.

17.7.1.1. During rounds one (1) to four (4) teams will be issued an email informing them that they have not completed their match reporting duties and granted an extension of time to do so.

17.7.1.2. If a team fails to act upon advice in the email within the extended time frame then a forfeit will be recorded against the team.

17.7.2. Beginning round five (5) teams who have not recorded match information correctly will be deemed to have forfeited the match.

17.7.2.1. If both teams fail to enter match information correctly then a double forfeit will be applied.

17.7.3. Where a team is having difficulty in entering match results or statistics they should email the Hockey ACT Membership Coordinator within 3 days of the match outlining the hardship experienced and include all match results and statistics. The result to be recorded will be provided on a case by case basis based on the hardship faced. In all instances teams are encouraged to utilize the facilities at all Hockey ACT venues to enter results immediately after the match.

## APPENDIX 1 – U11 MODIFIED RULES

All rules are to be the same as 11 a-side hockey, and in accordance with the HACT Junior Competition Rules, unless stated below.

1. Games are to be played on a field half the size of a normal hockey field – approximately 55m by 45m.
2. Teams are only permitted 8 players on the field at any time. You may have up to 8 substitutes (total of 16 players).
3. Players who are cut or bleeding will be required to leave the pitch immediately and shall not be allowed to return until the bleeding has been suppressed or stopped.
4. Goal keepers are recommended to wear the following items - full helmet with throat guard, body protector (groin and chest areas), hand protectors, leg protectors, feet protectors (kickers), abdominal guard or box and a stick.
5. The ball cannot be directly played into the circle from a long corner or sideline hit.
  - 5.1. Long corners are to be taken three (3) metres from the top of the circle, in-line with where the ball crossed the base line.
6. A penalty corner is taken on the back-line, 5 metres from the goal-post. The players may choose which side of the goal to take the penalty corner.
7. Penalty corners will consist of 4 attackers and 3 defenders (inclusive of GK). All remaining players must be withdrawn to the defending team's circle half way centre line until the ball is played.
8. No shot will be allowed if it is judged as dangerous to other field players.
9. No penalty strokes are taken and a penalty corner will be awarded instead
10. Players are not permitted to hit the ball by using a 'tomahawk' hit.
11. In U11 junior competitions players are not permitted to play the ball above knee height except for when defending a shot on goal.
12. Players must be at least 3m away from a free hit.
13. In accordance with FIH regulations field players are recommended to wear shin, ankle and mouth protection.

*As this is a modified game with a modified field size, field markings will be set out using rubber markers and traditional dome shaped 'hats'. Goals will be marked out using weighted corner posts without nets or a cross bar.*



## APPENDIX 2 – WILLOWS MAP





## APPENDIX 3 – MODIFICATION TO FIH RULES FOR HOCKEY ACT JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Under rule 6.1 of the Hockey ACT Junior Competition Rules, the Hockey ACT Umpiring and Technical Committee (UTC) and the Junior Competitions Advisory Committee (JCAC) reserve the right to modify the rules of hockey, as published by the FIH, for application in Hockey ACT junior competitions. Rule modifications are made in the interest of player safety and the development of skill and participation.

### FIH Rule Modifications

1. FIH Rule 9.7 allows players to play the ball above shoulder height. In U11 junior competitions players are not permitted to play the ball above knee height except for when defending a shot on goal.
2. FIH Rule 5.1 states matches are consisting of four quarters. Junior Competitions will play in halves due to time constraints.
3. FIH rule 12.4 allows A penalty stroke to be awarded:
  - a. For an offence by a defender in the circle which prevents the probable scoring of a goal if the ball hits a piece of equipment lying in the circle and a probable goal is prevented, a penalty stroke may be awarded.
  - b. For an intentional offence in the circle by a defender against an opponent who has possession of the ball or an opportunity to play the ball. In U11s Junior Competitions no penalty strokes will be awarded and a short corner will be awarded in its place.

## APPENDIX 4 – GAME RESCHEDULE REQUEST

<b>Required INFORMATION</b>	
Date of Request:	
Grade:	
Club Requesting Reschedule:	
Opposition Team:	
Original Scheduled Date:	
Proposed Date:	
Reason for Request:	

Received By HACT: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: Yes    No

Game Rescheduled To: \_\_\_\_\_

Teams Informed: \_\_\_\_\_