

NORTHERN COMPETITION PLAYING REGULATIONS

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Player Eligibility

1.1. A player can play one senior match, plus FI in one other higher-grade senior match in rosters conducted by NCC/GNL in any weekend.

Exceptions

(a) Where a player is absent on representative duties (State/National), their Club may select another player from a lower grade to replace them without penalty as to the number of games played.

(b) A player playing a full match as a goalie may also be selected to play a full game on the field in a second match, or vice-versa, without penalty as to the number of games played.

(c) A Club may select up to two players to drop-down one grade to make a team of no more than 11 players in a lower grade without penalty as to the number of games played.

1.2. There will be no game restrictions with regards to players aged under 19 as at the 1st of January playing in underage competitions.

1.3. Players may only participate in rosters appropriate to their age and gender.

1.4. Players participating in NSATIS matches which are administered by the NCC must comply with these Playing Regulations.

Flexible Interchange

2.1. A Flexible Interchange player cannot play more than 35 minutes in a senior game in that role.

2.2. A maximum of 4 players from a lower division can be nominated as Flexible Interchange in any one game.

2.3. Flexible Interchange players must be acknowledged in the match book before the game commences with the notation "FI".

2.4. Players are to identify their FI status to the match manager when entering and leaving the field of play.

2.5. Regardless of time on field (1minute up to 35minutes) FI will count as 0.5 matches played.

2.6. Flexible Interchange will not be endorsed in NCC final's matches. [FI permitted in GNL finals matches.]

Byes

3.1. When a division has a bye, players who have played in that division's round prior to the bye cannot play in a lower division over that bye weekend. The exceptions described in 1.1 (b) and (c) are also permitted for this rule.

3.2. When a team has a bye, team members who have played in that team's match prior to the bye cannot play in another team in the same Division over that bye weekend.

Abandoned / Rescheduled Games

4.1. If more than half the scheduled game time has been played in any roster game and the umpires and teams agree to abandon further play, the result shall be recorded at the time of cessation.

4.2. When less than half the scheduled game time has elapsed and the umpires and teams agree to abandon further play, the match will be re-scheduled by negotiation between the teams, HT's Northern Competitions Officer and the Northern Hockey Centre Manager. It is expected that any rescheduled game will be played within 28 days of the originally abandoned match.

4.3. If the teams are unable to agree to a rescheduling of the match, the NCC will arbitrate the matter and that committee's decision will be final.

4.4. Any team failing to participate in the rescheduled match will be deemed to have forfeited the game.

Forfeits

5.1. Clubs have agreed that whenever possible, if a forfeit seems likely and at least one week's notice is provided to the opposing team and HT's Competition Officer, they will attempt to reschedule the match in accordance with rules 4.2 and 4.3 above.

5.2.1 If a Club fails to provide sufficient players to field a team in any match administered by the NCC, and the turf is not utilised during that match time, the forfeiting team/Club will be responsible to pay the match turf hire as set by HT.

5.2.2 If a Club fails to provide sufficient players to field a team in any match administered by the NCC, and a 'friendly' match is played, a forfeit will be recorded; however each club will be equally responsible for turf costs incurred.

5.3. A formal team sheet must be lodged by the team claiming the benefit of the forfeit.

5.4. When a team receives a forfeit, named team members cannot play with another team from the same club in that Division and can only play as FI in a higher Division.

5.5. When a match is forfeited and no match is played the result will be recorded as a 6-0 result to the beneficiary of the forfeit.

5.6. When a match is forfeited due to player ineligibility, the highest result (either 6-0 or the match result) will be recorded. Ineligible players will not receive votes or goals.

Finals

6.1 Any requests for finals to be played on a specific day/time must be provided in writing to the NCC Roster Secretary, NCC TD and NCC Convenor at least four weeks prior to the scheduled dates. A majority decision by those parties will be considered final. All requests for change must be hockey-related, ie not employment or medical-related, and the lodgement of any request does not guarantee fulfilment.

6.2. The final series will be decided between:

6.2.1. Top 4 teams when there are four or more teams in that roster

6.2.2. All teams where there are less than 4 teams in that roster

6.3. **Semi-Finals/Junior Cross over Matches:** In the event of a draw the team higher on the ladder advances to next final. No extra time to be played.

6.4. **Preliminary Finals:** In the event of a draw, then Penalty Shootout as per FIH rules.

6.5. **Grand Finals:** In the event of a draw, then Penalty Shootout as per FIH rules.

6.6. To be eligible for finals a player must have played five (5) games for their club.

6.7. Players are only eligible to play finals with the team with which they have played a majority of their matches. If they have played an equal number of games in multiple divisions, they are required to play in the higher division's finals.

6.8. Players can be selected to play in a higher division's finals; however once they play in that higher division in the finals series they cannot return to a team in a lower division.

6.9. Players wishing to play in two finals series, as both a field player and goalie, will have their eligibility determined by where they have played the majority of their matches in the respective positions.

6.10. **Underage Grand Finals:**

6.10.1. To be eligible for finals, players must have played a minimum of 5 games for their club/school in approved NCC underage matches.

6.10.2. U14: no extra time – in the event of a draw the premiership is shared.

6.10.3. U19 and u16 – in the event of a draw, match will go straight to a Penalty Shootout as per FIH rules.

NORTHERN COMPETITION OFFICIATING REGULATIONS

1. 1. Officiating convenors

- 1.1. The Regional Competitions Committee will appoint a Regional Officiating convenor(s) no less than four weeks prior to the commencement of the first roster match for the season.
- 1.2. Each club will appoint a Club Officiating convenor(s).
- 1.3. Each club will provide the contact details for their respective Club Officiating convenor(s) to the Regional Officiating convenor(s) no less than two weeks prior to the commencement of the first roster match for the season.

2. Appointment of umpire(s) and/or a technical official (match manager)

- 2.1. Umpires will be appointed as follows:
 - 2.1.1. The Regional Officiating Convenor(s) will appoint umpires to u16 and u19 roster matches on behalf of the Independent School (NSATIS) clubs.
 - 2.1.2. The Regional Officiating Convenor(s) will appoint umpires to all u16, u19, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4 (if applicable) finals matches on behalf all clubs.
 - 2.1.3. The respective clubs will be charged at the rate of \$20 for each instance where an umpire is provided by the Regional Officiating Convenor(s) in accordance with 2.1.1 and/or 2.1.2.
 - 2.1.3.1. Any amount due will be notified at the completion of the finals series, and this will be in the form of a Hockey Tasmania invoice, payable by the relevant club.
 - 2.1.4. With the exception of appointments covered under 2.1.1 and 2.1.2, all umpiring allocations will be allocated to Club Officiating convenor(s), by the Regional Officiating Convenor(s), to fill.
 - 2.1.5. The Regional Officiating convenor(s) will advise each Club Officiating convenor(s) of their respective clubs requirement to provide an umpire(s) at the earliest opportunity.
 - 2.1.6. Each Club Officiating convenor(s) will be responsible for ensuring their respective clubs requirement to provide an umpire(s), as advised by the Regional Officiating convenor(s), is fulfilled.
- 2.2. Technical officials (match managers) will be appointed as follows:
 - 2.2.1. For all roster matches, the home (first named) club will be responsible for the provision of a technical official (match manager).
 - 2.2.2. For all finals matches, both the home (first named) and away (second named) club will be responsible for the provision of a technical official (match manager).
 - 2.2.3. The Regional Officiating convenor(s) will advise each Club Officiating convenor(s) of their respective clubs requirement to provide a technical official (match manager) at the earliest opportunity.
 - 2.2.4. Each Club Officiating convenor(s) will be responsible for ensuring their respective clubs requirement to provide a technical official (match manager), as advised by the Regional Officiating convenor(s), is fulfilled.

3. Penalties for failing to provide an umpire(s) and/or a technical official (match manager)

- 3.1. Where a club fails to provide an umpire(s) and/or a technical official (match manager), as advised by the Regional Officiating convenor(s), this is to be recorded on the official match sheet prior to it being signed by the umpires.
- 3.2. Where the failure to provide an umpire(s) and/or a technical official (match manager), as advised by the Regional Officiating convenor(s), has been recorded on the official match sheet as required under 3.1, the Competitions Officer will advise the Regional Officiating convenor(s) of the report at the earliest opportunity.
- 3.3. The Regional Officiating convenor(s) will advise the relevant Club Officiating convenor(s) at the earliest opportunity of any failure to provide an umpire(s) and/or a technical official (match manager), as advised by the Regional Officiating convenor(s), seeking details of any exceptional circumstances within 48 hours.
- 3.4. Unless the Regional Officiating convenor(s) accepts that exceptional circumstances existed, accounts@hockeytasmania.com.au will be advised that a penalty is to be imposed on the relevant club.
 - 3.4.1 This penalty is to be applied according to the following scale:
 - First offence – a written warning to the Club;
 - Second offence - \$25 'fine';
 - Third and subsequent offences - \$50 'fine' to be imposed.
 - 3.4.1. Any amount due will be notified in the form of a Hockey Tasmania invoice, payable by the relevant club.

4. Payment of umpire(s) and/or a technical official (match manager)

4.1. Where the Regional Officiating Convenor(s) has appointed an umpire(s) to an u16 and u19 match on behalf of the Independent School (NSATIS) clubs, and/or to an u16, u19, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4 (if applicable) finals match(es), the umpire will be eligible for an honorarium payment totalling no more than \$20 per match.

4.1.1. In order to receive payment under the honorarium, the individual must provide all requested information to accounts@hockeytasmania.com.au within the timeframe requested.

4.1.2. Failure to satisfy the requirements of 4.1.1 within the timeframe requested will result in the forfeiture of all entitlement to claim payment under the honorarium.

4.2. With the exception of appointments covered under 4.1, the Regional Competitions Committee will provide no remuneration to match officials.

4.3. Where an individual or club elects to offer remuneration for a club-based officiating appointment(s), it is suggested that payment not exceed an amount of \$20 for any match.

5. Match official performance

5.1. Umpires are to officiate in accordance with the current FIH Rules of Hockey, and apply any local interpretations as outlined in the Hockey Tasmania Directions to Umpires.

5.2. Umpires will award player votes and "Play the Whistle" points for both teams for all roster matches, prior to signing the official match sheet.

5.3. Any feedback in relation to the performance of a match official is to be lodged in writing to nccofficiating@hotmail.com within 48 hours of the match being completed.

6. Conduct of match officials

6.1. All match officials will conduct themselves in accordance with the Hockey Australia Code of Behaviour.

6.2. Any allegation of a breach of the Hockey Australia Code of Behaviour by a match official is to be lodged, in writing, to the Tournament Director within 48 hours of the relevant match being completed.