

# Hockey Albury Wodonga

## Womens Masters Competition Rules

### Introduction

These rules were taken from the original rules that we added as an appendix to the minutes of the meeting in 2007. They have been amended and renumbered in an attempt to make them more readable. They have also been updated to show amendments and added rules since that time. These rules are kept as a separate document and each year update this as necessary, noting any changes in the minutes for that particular year, but keeping this as a “clean” document.

Voted in at 2013 meeting and carried forward as a separate document to be updated as HOCKEY ALBURY WODONGA Women’s Masters Competition Rules

Note that the Appendix at the end list the Masters rules that are different to the normal competition rules and these are to be affixed to the board in the dugout on AHC1.

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Updated	Scribe	
Nov 2012	Cayte Campbell	
Feb 2013	Cayte Campbell	
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Feb 2020	Cayte Campbell	
Feb 2022	Cayte Campbell	
Feb 2023	Cayte Campbell	

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## **1 Constitution and By-Laws**

- 1.1** This document will be treated as the existing Hockey Albury Wodonga Masters Competition Rules and is an adjunct to the Hockey Albury Wodonga Constitution, By Laws and Local Rules with any exceptions from the Hockey Albury Wodonga Constitution, By Laws or Locals Rules to be listed in this document.
- 1.2** These rules are to be kept as a separate document and each year updated as necessary, noting any changes in the minutes for that particular year, but keeping this as a "clean" document.

## **2 Women's Masters Coordinator**

- 2.1** There will be a position of Women's Masters Coordinator and all issues will go through this Coordinator to the appropriate channel
- 2.2** The only exception to this rule is any umpiring issues which will be given to the Director of Umpiring, but a courtesy copy will be sent to the Women's Masters Coordinator.
- 2.3** Each team is to provide the Coordinator with two contacts, giving email addresses for regular correspondence as well as a mobile number so teams can be contacted at short notice.
- 2.4** Women's Masters Competition is to be given a page on the Hockey Albury Wodonga Homepage to promote competition, encourage others to take up hockey and highlight the Masters competition. The Coordinator is to seek a volunteer to look after this. The volunteer name is to be listed in the Annual minutes.
- 2.5** The Coordinator will seek volunteers to organise two social nights throughout the year. Volunteers can be nominated at the meeting at the beginning of the season or by talking to the Coordinator after this. All funds raised will go to a nominated charity. The volunteers name are to be listed in the Annual minutes.
- 2.6** Any request for a Permit is forwarded to the Coordinator who will coordinate and distribute to the nominated team representatives for consideration. Replies are returned to Coordinator to summarise and advise of the result. The Coordinator does not have a casting vote. The Coordinator is to provide a brief to Hockey Albury Wodonga Board, with an option for the team to appeal to the Board if necessary. This is separate to that of the Hockey Albury Wodonga Permits Committee.

## **3 Season Competition**

- 3.1** Teams are to nominate their players prior to or at the first game to the Coordinator advising name and date of birth details. These details must be notified for any players joining the competition after the first round at the time they start to play.
- 3.2** Proof of age may need to be shown to the Coordinator upon request. Otherwise, proof of age is not required.
- 3.3** All teams will have nominated players. Whilst players can fill in for any other team throughout the season they are bound to their first nominated team.

- 3.4** All players must be registered with Hockey ACT before playing. To do this they need to register with a club in the competition. This will ensure they are covered by insurance.
- 3.5** The competition is to have even rounds.
- 3.6** No games are to be played on the June long weekend or Anzac day, with a preference not to play any games on public holidays.
- 3.7** Scoring will be limited to a 5 goal difference. If a team wins 5-0 then the score is 5-0. If a team wins 10-0, then the score is recorded as 5-0. If a team wins 8-1 then the score is recorded as 6-1.
- 3.8** Age rule will apply as at the date of play. Women qualify for the Masters Competition at the age of 35 years. Each team is permitted up to two players on the field, and up to three players in total between the ages of 34 and 35 at one time. These players must be clearly identified by something visibly pink and are not permitted on the field for the first ten minutes of each half if there are age appropriate players available. Division 1 and State League players are not permitted to be under age players. Any player under 35 is to be asterisked on the match sheet and is not eligible for best and fairest votes.
- 3.9** An underage player who is a Goal Keeper is able to take the field at the beginning of both halves and play the whole game.
- 3.10** Spirit and intent needs to be remembered at all times, with particular attention to the age and skill levels of all players
- 3.11** If you share players then win, lose or draw, the result stands. This needs to be clearly stated prior to the game starting.
- 3.12** If you have less than six (6) of your registered players at the time the game is due to start then the game is deemed a forfeit but all players should play a "friendly" and the scorebook will show a 5:0 result and umpires must be paid. Sharing players does not impact this.
- 3.13** Abuse from any players or any spectators will not be tolerated and should be dealt with, if possible by the club to whom the player belongs.
- 3.14** If any player fills in for another team, both captains must agree prior to the person taking the field, and these players are to be marked as asterisk players on the match sheet and are not eligible for best and fairest votes in that game. Additional players from other teams are only allowed to the extent that the teams are evened up.
- 3.15** If any club has two or more Masters teams in the competition then they are not to play each other in the last round.
- 3.16** It is preferable that teams line up at the start of the game as in normal competition.
- 3.17** For privacy reasons there will be no photos or videos taken of players or games without consent from both teams
- 3.18** Games are 30 min halves with a 5 minute break at half time

#### **4 Finals**

- 4.1** Players are only permitted to play in finals for their first nominated team subject to meeting eligibility criteria. Any variance is to be forwarded to the Masters Permits Committee for consideration.
- 4.2** Players must play at least one third of the games of the season (rounded down) with their nominated Masters team to qualify for finals.
- 4.3** Finals will be played on one night only. Games are 30 min halves with a 5 minute break at half time.

- 4.4** The option of 3<sup>rd</sup> versus 4<sup>th</sup> playing off will be offered. This final will start at early time slot on Ground 2. This game will not have extra time. The team higher on the ladder will be deemed to have won if the result is a draw.
- 4.5** 1<sup>st</sup> versus 2<sup>nd</sup> will be played on Ground 1 at the later time slot. If 3<sup>rd</sup> versus 4<sup>th</sup> do not wish to play, then the Grand final will be at the earlier time slot. This game will have 10 minutes each way of extra time, with the golden goal rule. If after this it is still a draw, then the team higher on the ladder will be deemed to have won.

## **5 Uniform**

- 5.1** Team colours apply. If club shirts are not available t-shirts or something similar in the team colours are acceptable. If windcheaters are worn, they must be in the team colour.
- 5.2** If possible shirts are to have numbers so as to assist with best and fairest.

## **6 Umpires**

- 6.1** Support is sought from Hockey Albury Wodonga to provide panel/allocated umpires and this is to be organised with the Director of Umpiring on a yearly basis.
- 6.2** Captains are to assist if necessary at the conclusion of the game to confirm player's names for best and fairest nominations where players are not identified with numbers.
- 6.3** If only 1 rostered umpire turns up, both teams are to try to find a 2nd umpire, who will be paid the normal rate. If no such 2nd umpire can be found, and the rostered umpire agrees to umpire the whole game, both teams will pay that one umpire.



## **Umpires notes for Masters**

### **Women's Masters Competition Rules (that differ to normal competitions rules)**

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