



**HOCKEY
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WAIRARAPA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.



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GENERAL

The Wairarapa Hockey Association supports the New Zealand Hockey Federation and the Hillary Commission in eliminating verbal and physical abuse of umpires by players, team management and supporters.

All matches shall be under the control of the Wairarapa Hockey Association, whose playing headquarters are at Clareville Sports Complex, Chester Road Carterton.

All matches are controlled from rules of the following:

- New Zealand Federation Handbook.
- New Zealand Umpires Handbook.
- Wairarapa Association rules.

Players from an unfinancial club will be ineligible for representative teams.

Teams requiring a game change [date, venue, time] may apply in writing to the management committee, any application to have been received 21 days prior to fixture concerned.

All enquires to the association are to be directed through the respective club secretary.

The judicial shall have the power to act without formal protest being lodged, should it consider it necessary, such action to be justified in the best interest of the game.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

1.1 Team registration sheets to be received by the Executive Officer by the 2nd playing game Round, unless the Management Committee specifies another date.

Amended March '05

1.2 Additional players may be added, but must be in writing and received by the Executive Officer prior to that player participating in a game.

1.3 Teams may register new players up to 4 playing weeks prior to Semi Finals.

Added August '00

1.4 All primary and intermediate school pupils are required to be registered either for a school team or a club team playing in those grades.

Amended May '95

1.5 No player shall be registered for more than one {1} club or school and no player shall play for a team other than the one they are registered for, except in the following situations.

Amended May '95

1.6 DUAL REGISTRATION Secondary school pupils may, when their respective college does not participate in a premier competition, register for a designated club in addition to their college affiliation for the purpose of participating in a premier competition. A letter of consent needs to be given to the Association from the respective colleges and parents of players who are playing in club premier teams. This ruling in no way inhibits approved players from competing for their respective college team in it's local competition at a lower grade. It is the associations intention that the college has preference at all times.

Amended May '99

1.7 Playing of non-registered players will result in loss of any points gained from that match.

Amended May '95

1.8 Clubs with more than one {1} registered team may play a lower graded player in a higher graded team. Such player after playing three {3} such games, will be deemed registered in the higher graded team and will require a regrade to return to the lower graded team. Any regrade application must be in writing to the Executive Officer. On application in writing this rule may be relaxed for college teams in the four {4} weeks leading up to secondary school tournaments.

Amended October '98

1.9 Clubs & Schools with two {2} or more teams in the same grade and who do not have any lower graded teams, may register two {2} players who shall be eligible for either team to play when the team is short. The decision will be made by the Executive on the floating players as to their eligibility, and to ensure that clubs do not abuse this privilege. Clubs / Schools that have team(s) in lower grades must always use a player from their lower graded teams and not from a team in the same grade. This rule applies to all Men's, Women's, College and Intermediate grades. **Amended March '05**

1.10 A player may only have one {1} regrade in any one season. A player who has had a regrade in a season will not be eligible to be a floating player within that same season. **Added June '96**

1.11 Premier Grade: Three (3) floating players are able to float from B to A teams (with the above conditions). Names are to be noted on Registration Form and given to the Association for approval. **Added June '96**

1.12 No team shall play any player under suspension by the judicial committee. **Added June '96**

1.13 Any player playing for a representative team must be registered with a club/school team **Added June '96**

1.14 A 1st X1 secondary school player who also plays for a club premier team is to be graded at the higher level (Premier) and on leaving school and will require a regrade to play at a lower level.
(This applies to grading for Indoor and Twilight Competitions) **Amended May '99**

1.15 All College/Club players must apply for regrades if they are playing in a lower grade than the previous season. **Added October '98**

Representative Player Eligibility:

1.16 These players have to make themselves available for their Wairarapa Rep Teams first before being eligible to play Rep hockey outside of the Wairarapa.

1.17 Any player who is transferring to another club or playing in a lower grade within three {3} years of their last playing season must apply for a transfer/regrade. The management committee has the right to review the situation. **Added October '98**

Intermediate and Primary Players

1.18 No player Year 8 or below is eligible to play for any College, Senior men's, Senior women's or Representative team other than their respective age group level. **Added June '04**

1.19 All players who **PLAY** their club or school hockey in the Wairarapa and Wairarapa/Wellington competitions and who wish to play at a representative level **MUST** trial for Wairarapa Representative teams. If they are not selected for the Wairarapa they then are able to trial for another province, provided that NZ Hockey Federation tournament rules allow guest players at their respective age-group level. **Added February '05**

1.20 For the 2005 representative season **ONLY**, that secondary school students who are still eligible to play at the Under 13 National Tournaments (Hatch Cup, Collier Trophy, Curtis Cup & Rawleigh Trophy), due to the recent rule amendment from the NZ Hockey Federation, will be permitted to play at both Under 13 & Under 15 age-group level. This means that if a player trials for the 2005 Under 15 age group then they **MUST** make themselves available to trial for the 2005 Under 13 age group.

NB: This rule will be reviewed at the completion of the 2005 Representative Season.

Added February '05

1.21 All teams that participate in the Wairarapa Hockey Local Competition or in the Wairarapa/ Wellington competitions must complete Team registration forms. This includes all Men's, Women's, College and Intermediate Grade teams but excludes all 8 Aside and 6 Aside teams. **Added March '05**

1.22 Grades will be in the following order; Premier Men /Women (Wellington Comp.), Premier College (Wellington Comp.), Mens / Womens1, Mens / womens 2, Mens / Womens 3, Boys / Girls College. **Added June '05**

1.23 No regrade request would be granted within 4 weeks of the semi finals of a competition. All regrade requests will be looked at on an individual basis. **Added August '06**

COMPETITIONS

2.0 National and Regional Tournaments - played under the rules of New Zealand Hockey Federation Tournament Handbook. **Added October '98**

2.1 All teams must have a goalie Rule 6.3 pg 11. **Added October '98**

2.2 Inter provincial - played within the rules of associations involved. **Added October '98**

2.3 Super League - rules as decided by controlling committee but teams are still under our jurisdiction. **Amended October '98**

2.4 Rules of Play - refer FIH Umpires handbook. **Added October '98**

2.5 Local Competitions - to be played under the rules of the Wairarapa Association, using New Zealand Federation tournament formats to determine rankings and final placing's. **Amended May '95**

2.6 Local Competitions - format to be decided by management committee prior to the start of each season. **Amended May '95**

2.7 Premier competition games will be played on Saturday/Sunday and where applicable on statutory holidays. The Association reserves the right to play these games mid-week whenever representative fixtures make it necessary.

Amended May '95

2.8 Game Points:

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 2 points,
- Bonus = 1 point. {Bonus point to be for loss of game by one goal difference}.
- Bonus = 1 point (Bonus point for winning any game by 5 goals or more margin)
- Defaulted Game = winner to receive win points and 4-0 goal result.

Amended June 03'

TEAM CARDS

3.0 Team cards to be filled in prior to game commencement and may not be added to during the game. Only players entered on team card may participate in that game. **Amended May '95**

3.1 There is to be no more than Sixteen {16} players entered on the team card. **Amended October '98**

3.2 Player's tops to be numbered as per team card. **Amended October '98**

3.3 Winning teams responsibility to forward completed team cards at completion of game to Executive Officer/Points Convener within four {4} days of game completion. **Amended October '98**

3.4 Completed team cards may be left in box provided at turf venue.

Amended October '98

3.5 Team cards not received by the association may incur loss of any points received from that game.

Amended October '98

DEFAULTS, POSTPONEMENTS & PROTESTS

4.0 Postponements will be the responsibility of the Management Committee representative, any such decision will be made as early as possible and announced via local radio stations.

Amended October'98

4.1 Any team or club that is unable to fulfil any engagement in grade or championship matches will lose their match by default, unless game deferment has been sanctioned by the executive of the association.

Amended October'98

4.2 Any team or club that is unable to fulfil any engagement in grade or championship matches shall notify the secretary of the association at least forty-eight {48} hours before such a match, failure to do so will result in all turf or ground fees payable for that match being the responsibility of that team or club.

Amended October'98

4.3 On application in writing any team having players involved with coaching, playing or administrative duties of Wairarapa Hockey Association may be entitled to a deferred game.

Amended October'98

4.4 All protests must be in writing and lodged with the Executive Officer within twenty-four {24} hours of the completion of that match.

Amended October '98

TEAM UNIFORMS

5.0 Players other than goalie to be dressed uniformly in registered colours.

Amended May '95

5.1 Goalkeepers to wear a top being a different colour than either team.

Goalkeepers are required to wear their shirt or other garments over any body protectors.

Goalkeepers in all games must wear protective headgear at all times including facial visor, the exception being during the taking of a penalty stroke, when head gear may be removed should the goalie be the stroke taker.

Amended May '95

5.2 Club tops purchased from the commencement of the 1994 season, to display numbering. Such numbers to be on the back of the shirt, and be of a size stipulated by the New Zealand Federation, being not smaller than 20cm in height.

Amended May '95

5.3 Sponsorship shall be allowed on uniform but must not detract from the regulation number.

Amended May '95

5.4 Team or teams having similar colours may be requested by association to provide alternative strip.

Amended May '95

JUDICIAL

6.0 A player will appear before the Judicial Committee after having received a permanent suspension [red card], or a fourth yellow card in the same season.

Amended July '95

6.1 A player receiving three (3) yellow cards in the one season constitutes an automatic two (2) game suspension.

Amended July '95

6.2 Judicial Committee must sit within five days following incident.

Amended July '95

6.3 The offending player cannot play in any hockey match until after he/she has appeared before the judicial.

Amended July '95

6.4 Umpire concerned to advise executive officer, or president, or person substituting in their absence within twenty-four hours of any permanent suspension (red card) being issued.

Amended July '95

6.5 Executive officer to advise Judicial Convenor.

Amended July '95

6.6 Umpire(s) written report(s) to be presented prior to any hearing being held.
Amended Aug '94

6.7 When hearing is held, judicial will review umpire[s] report[s], and if required speak with umpire[s]. The judicial will then see the player[s] concerned. The committee then has the right to speak to the umpire[s] again if necessary.
Amended Aug '94

6.8 Team coach or club president may attend judicial hearing with the player[s].
Amended Aug '94

6.9 Both officiating umpires may attend.
Amended Aug '94

6.10 Judicial Committee decision must be notified to Wairarapa Hockey Association within twenty- four hours of the hearing. Wairarapa Association will then notify players club, the club will then notify player[s] concerned.
Amended Aug '94

6.11 The Judicial has the right to impose whatever penalty it sees fit.
Amended Aug '94

6.12 Player[s] has right of appeal in writing within forty-eight hours.
Amended Aug '94

6.13 Judicial Committees decision will be entered in the minutes of the next management committee meeting.
Amended Aug '94

OLYMPIC CUP.

7.0 Challenges to be in by 30 April each year unless the Management Committee has specified another date.
Amended May '95

7.1 Three challenges only to be played each season.
Amended May '95

7.2 If there are more than three challenges, challengers to be drawn by ballot, by management committee. To be played in order balloted.
Amended May '95

7.3 Challenges to be played on dates set by management committee.
Amended May '95

7.4 Games to be played on holders ground, or ground mutually agreed upon. If

no decision can be made, Management Committee to decide.

Amended May '95

7.5 Challenges may come from teams in premier or senior grade. One of the challenges may be a clubs second team.

Amended May '95

7.6 Umpires to be set by Umpires Association.

Amended May '95

7.7 The holder of the cup will be the team retaining it at the end of the season.

Amended May '95

7.8 In the event of a draw the holder retains the cup.

Amended May '95

7.9 In the event of the challenger winning, they accept remaining challenges in that season.

Amended May '95

TURF

8.0 All players must wear regulation footwear.

Amended May '95

8.1 Footwear must be free of dirt before entering turf.

Amended May '95

8.2 NO SMOKING, ALCOHOL, FOOD OR SPITTING ON THE TURF.

Amended May '95

8.3 No persons other than playing elevens, and umpires allowed on the turf whilst the game is in progress.

Amended May '95

8.4 Team bags may not be left on the turf surface up against the boundary fence. Teams must place all their property inside the dugouts whilst the match is in progress to ensure that umpires can progress up the sideline without obstruction.

Amended March '05

8.5 All players shall enter and exit the turf via the player's entrance

Amended May '95

- 8.6** All substitutions must enter the game through the umpire nearest. The substituted player will vacate the field prior to substitution being made.
Amended May '95
- 8.7** Teams to vacate turf area immediately following their game.
Amended May '95
- 8.8** Any player showing blood to immediately leave the turf for medical attention.
Amended May '95
- 8.9** Substitute will be allowed while player is receiving attention.
Amended May '95
- 8.10** Any person found willfully damaging the turf and associated equipment will be liable for all cost relating to repair of the damage in addition to any other penalty the Association may impose.
Amended May '95
- 8.11** Turf fees will be payable in full, by date set by association.
Amended May '95
- 8.12** Clubs having unpaid fees will be refused play until debt is cleared or arrangements made for payment of outstanding fees.
Amended May '95
- 8.13** Sharp objects to be taped e.g. goalies buckles, rings, and bracelets.
Amended May '95