

APPENDIX 'A'

Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association Inc



JUNIOR HOCKEY RULES

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1.0 APPLICATION OF RULES

- 1.1 These Rules apply to all junior hockey games played in competitions conducted by the Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association (Inc.)
- 1.2 Where not covered in these special Junior all competition shall be covered by the Constitution and By-laws of the Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association Incorporated.

2.0 PLAYING TEAM NUMBERS

- 2.1 There shall be no restriction on the number of players; of which eleven (11) are allowed on the fields at any time.
- 2.2 Players may be interchanged at any time, subject to restrictions under the Rules of hockey

3.0 BLOOD RULE

- 3.1 As per requirements of Association; Rules on Blood
 - 3.1.1 If a player is bleeding they must immediately leave the field to receive treatment (substitution may be made).
 - 3.1.2 The player may return to the field once bleeding has been controlled, the wound covered and any blood contaminated clothing changed. Managers/Coaches need to have spare shirts available for players; if required.
 - 3.1.3 If the bleeding player does not leave the field voluntarily or when asked, the umpire may suspend them for misconduct

4.0 COMPETITION GRADINGS & AGE QUALIFICATION

- 4.1 Where possible the Association shall provide structured competitions for the following aged groups
 - 4.1.1 Junior 3-8 Division – Boys and Girls Divisions
 - 4.1.2 Junior 9-12 Division – Boys and Girls Divisions
- 4.2 **AGE QUALIFICATIONS**
 - 4.2.1 J 3-8 Division – Players must be maximum age of 13 years as of 30th June in the year of competition
 - 4.2.2 J 9-12 Division – Players must be maximum age of 17years as of 30th June in the year of competition
 - 4.2.3 A player who turns 18 before 30th June in the year of competition is not eligible to compete in the junior competition regardless of whether they are a bona fide school
- 4.3 The junior division may in special circumstances re-structure for a determined period; special rules relating to the competition of any grade in any year to keep integrity of competition.

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5.0 PLAYER CONDUCT AND SUSPENSIONS

5.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

All teams play under the guidelines of the Players Code of Conduct and By-laws as applies to teams under the Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association

5.2 GREEN CARDS

5.2.1 Players of JUNIOR 9-12 Grades (at minimum) and JUNIOR 3-8 Grades; will be issued with a green card for acts of misconduct including bad sportsmanship, language or tackles.

5.1.2 This player can NOT be replaced with a substitute. The offender must stay out of the game for two (2) minutes.

5.1.3 Subsequent offences shall be as outlined per guidelines to umpires under the Rules of Hockey and Bylaws of Association.

6.0 MATCH TIMES

6.1 Junior 9-12 Grades:

6.1.1 Shall be two periods of thirty-five minutes each half with a five- minute half time break.

6.2 Junior 3-8 Grades:

6.2.1 Shall be two periods to twenty-five (25) minutes each half with a five (5) minute break at half time.

6.3 These times are to be strictly adhered to.

6.4 Games should not be shortened for any reason, except when teams fail to take the field when called upon at the correct commencement of the set down time.

6.5 Time should not be deducted due to umpires not being at the game on time.

6.5.1 In such cases, Clubs should refer this to Association Management via the match card and in writing to be dealt with.

7.0 JUNIOR EQUIPMENT - MANDATORY

7.1 No Junior player shall participate in any hockey match, at Junior or Senior level without the use of shin-pads and mouth-guard.

7.1.1 A Junior player may play without a mouth-guard provided the junior players parent or legal guardian has submitted a letter to the EGHA Junior Director, and has taken all legal risk for the potential injury.

7.1.2 This applies to juniors a regular training sessions, local competitions, State Championships or similar events

7.1.3 The shin-pads must provide FULL protection to the shin of the players

7.2 Team Coaches, Manager and Umpires must check all players are wearing correct protective equipment before and during the game/training

7.3 All teams must have a first-aid kit available

7.4 In the event of no goal keeper being available before the commencement of a game, the offending team will only be allowed 10-minutes after the scheduled fixture time before the game is declared a forfeit. Refer By-law 5.7.6

8.0 GIRLS IN BOYS COMPETITIONS

8.1 In both Junior 3-8 and Junior 9-12 competitions, girls may only play to make a maximum team number of 12.

8.2 The team using junior girls to make up numbers may not have more players than the other team.

8.3 For Junior 9-12 games only, the girl's parent/legal guardian must give their consent in writing to the EGHA Junior Director before she may participate and do so at their own risk.

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9.0 BOYS IN GIRLS COMPETITIONS

- 9.1 A team playing in the Junior 3-8 girls may include a boy under the age of 11 years if;
 - 9.1.1 There are no more than 2 boys in the team.
 - 9.1.2 There are no more than 12 players in the team.
 - 9.1.3 The team using junior boys to make up numbers may not have more players than the other team.
- 9.2 A boy under the age of 12 may play in the Junior 9-12 Girls competition with the number capped at 2 boys and team number capped at 12.
- 9.3 The team using junior boys to make up numbers may not have more players than the other team.

10.0 FIXTURE CARDS

- 10.1 The first named team (via the coach or manager) shall be responsible for collection of fixture card and given to umpires whom shall return at end of play, following verification by participating teams.
- 10.2 The full names of all players must be entered on the fixture card and following completion of the game, be signed by Coach or Manager of each team and by the umpires.
- 10.3 The completed fixture card must be either:
 - 10.3.1 Placed in the designated fixture card box at the Stadium, following completion the game, or
 - 10.3.2 Returned to the offices of the Association by the Tuesday following the game.
- 10.4 A team shall not enter a false name on the fixture card.

11.0 PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

- 11.1 As with guidelines Bylaw 5.5.2 - There shall be no restriction on the number of games a junior player may play in any one round with their registered club.
- 11.2 A player is permitted to play for another junior club in a different grade provided there is no team at their club in that grade. No clearance or permission is needed; however, a Player Permit Form must be lodged for records.
 - 11.2.1 Player should be marked with an asterix P (*P) on card front and noted in umpire comments on the card as "EGHA Permits Player".

12.0 ABANDONED GAMES

- 12.1 Where a game shall be called off due to weather or ground conditions; the matter shall be referred to the Association for a determination; in line with its policies on Storms or Ground Conditions.

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13.0 FORFEITURE

- 13.1 If a team does not have the required minimum numbers in any competition, then shall forfeit the game. Refer By-law 5.7.5
- 13.2 If a game starting time is delayed by a lack of umpires; then umpires shall advise participating teams of a new start time, while observing a suitable warm-up or team preparation period.
- 13.3 If a Club forfeits a game then it must do so from its lowest team in that age group.
- 13.4 A team whom forfeits a game shall notify the opposing team and the umpires in a reasonable time prior to the nominated starting time.
- 13.5 If a team withdraws after the commencement of the season, all games in which that team had previously played shall be deemed cancelled.
- 13.6 **PREVENTION OF FORFEITS – JUNIOR 3-8 GRADES**
 - 13.6.1 To prevent a forfeit in Junior 3-8 games only, (if both coaches in liaison with umpires agree), player/s may play for the opposing team.
 - 13.6.2 The score from the game will stand and premiership points allocated as per normal.
 - 13.6.3 All Votes and Goals attained by the player shall also be retained against their name in the Association records.
 - 13.6.4 The players' name should be marked with an Asterix (*) on front of card and noted in umpire comments on the card as "Forfeit Permits Player".

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14.0 SPECIAL RULES – JUNIOR GRADES

14.1 STICK ABOVE THE SHOULDER – ALL GRADES

- 14.1.1 Reference to the FIH Rule 9.7 permitting players to play the ball in a controlled manner with the stick above their shoulder, will be implemented in JUNIOR 9-12 Grades.
- 14.1.2 **For JUNIOR 3-8 GRADES**, players shall not be permitted to use their stick above their shoulder at any time.

14.2 NINE-A-SIDE COMPETITIONS – JUNIOR 9-12 GRADES

14.2.1 RULES OF GAME

- The standard rules of hockey shall be applied, with the exception as below being variations within these rules.

14.2.2 GAME TIMES – be played of

- Four Periods of Fifteen Minutes
- Three Minute Break at the end of First and Third Quarter
- Five Minute Break for half-time
- *A 30second 'warning' whistle be made by umpires when calling teams back to field at each of the time breaks.*

14.2.3 TEAM NUMBERS

- In accordance and alignment with Rule 2.0
 - There shall be no restriction on the number of players;
 - **Exception Being**; of which nine (9) are allowed on the fields at any time.
 - Teams with extra players; shall play them as interchange players.
 - Players may be interchanged at any time, subject to restrictions under the Rules of hockey

14.3 GOALKEEPERS - JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

- 14.3.1 Each team must play with a goalkeeper with goalkeeping privileges wearing full protective equipment comprised of at least protective headgear (see rules definition), leg guards and kickers and a different coloured shirt to teams participating.
- 14.3.2 Where a goal-keeper becomes incapacitated and in the event of no replacement equipped goal-keeper being ready to substituted, then game shall be halted with time allowed to speedily ready a fully equipped keeper.
No time shall be lost from the allocated match time.

The FIH Rule that allows teams to play without a goalkeeper does not apply to any Eastern Goldfields Hockey Junior Competition

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15.0 SPECIAL RULES – JUNIOR 3-8 DIVISIONS

15.1 DANGEROUS PLAY

15.1.1 Rules do not preclude the use of skills, however, the rule against dangerous play shall be strictly enforced in Junior 3-8 Competitions

15.1.1.1 Raised Ball:

Play is considered dangerous when the lifting of a ball causes legitimate evasive action by players. In this case, a free hit should be awarded to the opposition.

15.1.1.2 Raised Stick:

Play is considered dangerous when the lifting of a stick causes legitimate evasive action by players.

If the danger is caused by the player lifting their stick; then a free hit should be awarded to the opposition.

If the danger is caused by the opposition player entering the contest from the wrong side, then a free hit should be awarded to the team in possession.

15.1.1.3 Tomahawk:

Play is considered dangerous when the lifting of the stick in follow-through or lifting of the ball, in playing a tomahawk (shot or pass), causes legitimate evasive action by players. In these cases, a free hit should be awarded to the opposition.

15.1.1.4 Tackling from behind:

Play is considered dangerous when a player swings their stick from behind the player in possession, trying to hinder their progression up the field (tackling from behind).

15.1.1.5 Overheads played from Free Hits:

The FIH Rule permitting players to play Overhead passes directly from a Free Hit shall not be employed in any JUNIOR 3-8 Competition.

Should any player attempt such a pass, a free hit should be awarded to the opposition.

15.2 BREAKING AT PENALTY CORNER

15.2.1 The FIH Tournament Rule penalising players for “Breaking” at a Penalty Corner SHALL NOT apply to the JUNIOR 3-8 Competition.

15.2.2 In such instance that a player in a JUNIOR 3-8 match enters the circle before the ball is played, and advantage is lost, play should be stopped and the Penalty Corner replayed.

15.3 COACHES ON THE FIELD – Including Side-line Coaches

15.3.1 This ruling shall only apply to the JUNIOR 3-8 Competitions

15.3.2 The coach may be permitted to move on to the field under the guidelines of the Association, provided play is not interrupted or disrupted and that the presence of either coach is not intimidating.

15.3.3 Coaches acting in an intimidating manner to players and/or umpires must leave the field of play upon request by the umpire

15.3.4 Rules to “apply during the Preliminary Games of the season” up to the commencement of the ‘final round’ of fixtures for that grade.

15.3.4.1 No Coaching Staff on the field during finals; unless called upon by the umpires to enter the field to assist or check on their players.

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15.4 COACHING STAFF ENTERING THE FIELD – to coach during game.

- 15.4.1 Only “One (1)” Coach per team is permitted to enter the field at any one time. This will require a greater communication between all coaching staff.
- 15.4.2 The entry of the coach should be done in a manner that shall not interfere with playing of the game.
- 15.4.3 Coaches are not permitted on the area where the ball is being played

As a general guide –

- If the ball is inside the opposing teams attacking 23Metre (25yard) zone, no coach may enter the field in this area
- If the ball is inside Your Teams “Attacking Area”, then the coach may enter to talk and give guidance to their defence. This should be done in a speedy manner and then the coach should move back to the side-line out of play.
- If the ball is inside Your Teams “Defensive Area”, then the coach may enter to talk and give guidance to their attack. This should be done in a speedy manner and then the coach should move back to the side-line out of play.
- Any breaches of the Rules may see the offending Club should be noted on the Umpires Comment of the Match Card and the Association shall notify that Club’s Management to remind them of the requirements. Continual breaches may see penalties imposed or even withdrawal of these guidelines.

15.5 COACHING STAFF (Running the side-lines)

- 15.5.1 Where teams may have Coaching Staff that are running the side-lines; those members should be wearing their Club Shirts (where have) and ARE REQUIRED to wear a ‘Hi-Vis Vest’ to identify them to match officials. These vests should be of different colour to the umpire’s tops.
- 15.5.2 Due to the confines of the Stadium Pitch Area as opposed to the grass pitch areas; it is even more important that the coaching staff ensure that not only the safety of the players in the game but themselves is of highest priority, by following this rule.
- 15.5.3 Should not impede the game through interference of the Umpire carrying out their duty or the players playing the game
- 15.5.4 Only one (1) coaching member can move up and down each of the side-lines.
- 15.5.5 If there are further coaching assistance or guides, must remain within the bench area

16.0 CHALLENGE CUPS

- 16.1 Challenge Cups are to be played only in:
- i) JUNIOR 9-12’s
 - ii) JUNIOR 3-8’s
- 16.2 The two (2) highest placed teams on the premiership table, at the completion of:
- 16.2.1 For grades comprising of five (5) or more teams – Qualification period shall be at the completion of the first round of fixtures.
- 16.2.2 For grades comprising of four (4) or less teams – Qualification period shall be at the completion of the second round of fixtures

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17.0 FINALS

17.1 Finals shall be played in all Junior 3-8 and Junior 9-12 Grades. Refer to by-law 5.12 for guidelines.

18.0 QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINALS - PLAYERS

18.1 No player may take part in the finals Series unless they have played three (3) games for their Club at Junior level during the season in progress, or met By-Laws of Grading.

19.0 CUPS/FINALS – EXTRA TIME TIE-BREAKERS

19.1 TIE BREAKER RULES

19.1.1 Rules as per By-law 5.13 shall apply

19.1.2 **The exception to this will be the JUNIOR 3-8 competitions.**

19.1.2.1 In event that such “finals” still be drawn, at end of Extra Time Periods, then the team who finished higher in the competition during the qualifying games be declared winners of the game to proceed to the next final.

19.1.2.2 Should the "Challenge Cup" or "Grand Final" be drawn at the end of the extra time periods, then the Pennant shall be awarded to the “higher finishing team” at the end of qualifying games.

20.0 STADIUM RULES

20.1 TEAM MEMBERS

20.1.1 Only members allowed on to the stadium pitch area:

- Team Manager
- Team Medical Officer
- Team Coaching Staff
- And the Players

20.2 PLAYER INTERCHANGES

20.2.1 All interchange of players must be managed as per the Rules of Hockey

20.2.2 This is that for field players, this must be made at the centre line

20.2.3 If involves changing of goal-keepers, then timeout be called by the umpire to assist in this substitution by walking the new keeper to the backline to switch.

20.2.4 **NOTE** - During the normal fixture rounds of the season, the clock shall not be stopped; **except** for the replacement of incapacitated keepers (Rule 14.0).

20.2.5 Teams using a Goal-keeper coach are advised:

20.2.5.1 During the playing of the Penalty Corners and Corners, that coach should step back to the fence and crouch down OR move to the side of the field so as not to interfere or be imposing to the opposition team.

20.2.5.2 In the event of a Penalty Stroke given during course of the game, may assist (with umpire's support) speedily to get their keeper set and then must remove themselves to the side-line.

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21.0 SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES

- 21.1 Any situation not provided for explicitly in these Junior Rules shall be referred to Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association for consideration and determined in conjunction with the rules provided by the governing body that are appropriate to the individual case
- 21.2 Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association reserves the right to review rules to ensure that the premise behind that rule is upheld in the best interest of the Competition

22.0 DEFINITIONS

- Association refers to the name of the Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association Incorporated
- E.G.H.A Refers to Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association Inc.
- HA Refers to Hockey Australia
- HWA Refers to Hockey WA (Western Australia)
- FIH Refers to International Hockey Federation
- Rules of Hockey Refer to the FIH Rules of Hockey
- Bylaws Refers to Bylaws of Eastern Goldfields Hockey Association
- Player Refers to any player regardless of their position, includes field players and goalkeepers
- Competitions Means the grades controlled by E.G.H.A
- Grade Means the specific grade within the age group
- Age Group Means the whole school year group (ie J 3-8)
- Division Means the specific division within the grade (ie J 3-8)
- J 3-8 Refers to Junior Grades of School Years 3 to 8
- J 9-12 Refers to Junior Grades of School Years 9 to 12

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