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SECTION 1 ASSOCIATION RULES/BYLAWS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** These Bylaws are the rules under which the CMHA Senior Division Club Competitions will be run. The Senior Division Club Competition will be administered *jointly between (by)* the CMHA Office- Competitions coordinator and the Council of Clubs (COC).

GUIDANCE: The purpose of the COC is to meet regularly (minimum of 3x's per year) with the Competitions coordinator Or appointed CMHA representative to make decisions regarding the CMHA Senior Club Hockey Competition on behalf of the CMHA Board. The CMHA Office and its Staff are there to assist in the administration of the competition, and it is expected that the CMHA Office and the COC will work with each other ensuring the competition is delivered to stakeholders in a superb manner. The COC Chairperson is the link for this process to happen.

The Bylaws are such that in the main are self-administering. In these situation's it is envisaged the CMHA Office will administer such as per the By-Laws.

- 1.2** The COC shall be made up of one delegate from each affiliated club, who compete in the Senior Division Competition of the CMHA, an Umpires representative, CMHA office rep and chairperson appointed by the CMHA board. A Secretary shall be elected from the representatives to record minutes of each meeting that shall be distributed to all Club Delegates and the CMHA within 7 days of any meeting date. Minutes of meetings submitted to the CMHA Office are to be included in monthly CMHA board meetings. Clubs may have more than one representative at a meeting, but the club has only one vote, along with the Umpires Rep. The CMHA and Chair do not have voting rights.

GUIDANCE: This is the Clubs Competition and the Chairperson is there to ensure the link between the COC and CMHA Office is sound, Bylaw 1.3, 1.4 are applied, and that the CMHA Board is well informed on how daily operations regarding the administration of the competition progresses.



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- 1.3 The administration of the BY-LAWS will be applied fairly but firmly and within the intention of it's writing without prejudice.
- 1.4 The CMHA Office and COC shall meet a minimum of 3x's per year to ensure the competition is well organised and administered.

2. AMENDMENTS

- 2.1 The COC in consultation with CMHA Office may make recommendations to amend these Bylaws to the CMHA Board. Recommendations need to be submitted in written detail with compelling evidence that such changes will enhance the Senior Club Competition and be in the interest of the wider CMHA. The split

Between "supporters of" and "opposers to" any amendments must also be supplied.

GUIDANCE: It is expected that for the benefit of the greater interest in CMHA Hockey that the Board will only endorse Bylaw changes that are supported by more 75% of COC members (if at all).

- 2.2 All recommendations for amendments must be to the CMHA Board on or before **July 31** each year. Upon the Board ratifying the amendment(s) all Clubs will be notified in writing before October 30 and such amendment(s) will be included in subsequent seasons Bylaws

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1 All participants and umpires are required to adhere to appropriate dress standards. Players are not to wear hard peaked caps and are to ensure socks are pulled up and shirts are tucked in. Mouth-guards are mandatory for all Hockey NZ Age Group players and strongly recommended for all players at all levels. Shin Guards are recommended for all levels. This is the responsibility of the Team Manager.
- 3.2 Blood Code



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All players must leave the turf if they are openly bleeding and may return when the wound has been covered. All teams should carry sufficient medical equipment to dress wounds. Any blood on the turf must be cleaned up, with the medical alcohol located in the pavilion

- 3.3** Where a player has blood on his/her uniform or body, he/she must leave the turf to have this blood removed. All teams should carry a spare uniform for this purpose.

4. PROTESTS

- 4.1** The Judicial Committee shall decide all protests relating to the playing of matches. Such protests, in writing, must be in the hands of the CMHA Office within 48 hours of the completion of the match and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 along with detailed information supporting any protest. All fees are returnable at the upholding of the protest by the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall advise its decision within due course to CMHA Office who will forward to the clubs concerned in writing.
- 4.2** Bylaws under "Match rules...Grading (rule 13)" specifically 13.7 and 13.10 and "Match rules...Match Play (rule 15)" shall be the only Bylaws protest able regarding match outcomes. 15.11, 15.13, and 15.14 shall **NOT** be protestable. Protests around by law 15.4, the offending team shall have the right to provide evidence that the "played" player is the actual "named" player.

GUIDANCE

There may be situations where registered name(s) are not written on the match card but replaced by their commonly known name(s) etc. The purpose of this By law is to be sure that the named player is actually participating in the match, with sound links to the name written on the match card and/or team registration documentation.

- 4.3** An umpires on field decision has no grounds to protest or appeal the result of a match.



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5. UNIFORMS

- 5.1** All teams must play in their approved club uniform as registered with the Association, or alternative strip as required.
- 5.2** Any alteration to the registered uniforms, including the addition of sponsors labelling; logos etc. must receive the prior approval of the CMHA Office.
- 5.3** Any player appearing in other than the recognised club uniform shall be permitted to play only on receiving agreement from the umpires and the captain of the opposing team except where a team is playing in an alternative strip due to a clash in colours.
- 5.4** Where the uniforms of the opposing teams are similar in colour, The team on the **left hand side of** the draw shall wear an alternative uniform.
- 5.5** All players' shirts are to be numbered on the back with figures at least 175mm high. The corresponding number must then be shown beside each player's name on the scorecard.



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6. TRAINING FEES AND FINES

- 6.1** Fees and fines, including all fees for the use of the artificial surfaces, incurred by the clubs, teams or individual members must be paid by the due date shown on the account tendered from the Association. Failure to abide will result in the loss of ALL competition points and 10% of the total amount payable added to the due account.

- 6.2** All turf training (and any non-competition) fees will be charged monthly

- 6.3** All the fees and fines prescribed in these Bylaws relate to the winter competition of the CMHA.

- 6.4** Cost for Notified Defaults (bylaw 15.7 and 15.8) as per bylaw 15.9

Fines relating to, (or the implication of) playing unregistered players shall be \$500.00 Inc GST. Bylaw 15.4 penalties still apply.



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7. INTERCITY

Intercity is a competition run by the MAG group and does not form any part of a CMHA competition

Clubs wishing to enter into the Midlands Intercity Competition must;

- a) Must provide to the CMHA Office/COC evidence of fiscal stability and future player/coach development as requested.
- b) Must have a Development team (refer to bylaw 13.3) and Reserve Grade team entered into the CMHA Senior Division Competition with appropriate coaches appointed or else have at least 14 players under the age of 18 registered in the club and playing in any team (either Men's or Women's depending on the Premier Team) and a Reserve Grade team entered in to the CMHA Senior Division with appropriate Coaches appointed and player development programs in place.
- c) CMHA reserve the right to enter on its behalf teams into the Midlands Intercity Competition that are composite, with players from multiple clubs. In this instance it shall be the responsibility of the CMHA to appoint management positions etc. The costs involved shall be shared across the players, such as within Clubs.
- d) The Intercity competition has separate player eligibility rules to the CMHA local competition.



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8 DRAW

The Draw will be published at least 4 weeks in advanced with every effort to have the draw published for the season. Notwithstanding there may be changes required as per these BY-LAWS.

9 GENERAL

- 9.1** The CMHA Office/COC shall have the power to deal with all matters not provided for in these By-laws which may arise out of any contest played under these Bylaws.
- 9.2** CMHA Office/COC may at their discretion instigate processes to ensure that the administration of these BYLAWS is smooth and proper.

9.2 Ground movement.

In the case where weather (or other) situations determine that a match (or matches) are not playable then ground changes may need to occur. This shall be decided by the following;

1. Intercity or representative matches Premier and or Intercity Grade games
2. Teams having less than 72 hours between the non-playable match and their next match
3. Club ranked teams ie: premier grade, reserve grade etc
4. The CMHA shall decide.

Cancellations may occur at any time due to inclement weather. The duty umpire shall have the right to cancel games due to ground/weather conditions. (deemed unplayable). Notification will be via the CMHA App, website and C.O.C. delegates.



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SECTION 2 TEAM AND PLAYER RULES/BYLAWS

10. AFFILIATION / TEAM / COMPETITION FEES

- 10.1** Each Club shall pay to the CMHA all outstanding accounts in full by the due date. Failure to do so will result in the clubs unable to participate in the semi-finals or finals until such time the accounts are paid.
- 10.2** Each affiliated club shall pay each year a fee, set by the Board and including any levies, for each open grade team entered in the Senior Division Competition.
- 10.3** A non-refundable 10% payment of team fees for each team entered in the Senior Division Competition, (based on the previous year's fees if team fees not yet set at that time). Failure to make this payment may result in exclusion from competition. Any club experiencing difficulty in making this payment should make an individual approach to the Office of CMHA complete with a proposal (acceptable to the CMHA) to make payment. This should have no bearing on further payment dates as required in
- 10a Team entries must be submitted by the due date specified by the CMHA office.
- 10.4** The balance of the team fees will be invoiced in three separate amounts – 20% payable by 30 April, 25% payable by 30 May and 45% payable by 30 June each year. Failure to provide payment by any due date may result in a 10% financial penalty being imposed at the discretion of the CMHA office. In addition, bylaw 10.1 will be applied.



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Guidance relating to 10.3 and 10.4

Instalment Number	% of Turf Fees for the Season	Deadline
1	10	4 weeks prior to start of season
2	20	30 April
3	25	30 May
4	45	30 June

10.5 No player shall be eligible to play in any contest of the Association while an affiliated member of another Association without an Association to Association transfer being completed. The completion of a digital transfer on the Hockey NZ platform, administered by Hockey New Zealand is sufficient for this transfer to be approved. Clubs are to provide complete details of electronic transfers as and when required by the COC.

10.6 New clubs seeking to participate in Senior Division competition shall apply in writing to the CMHA by January 31st.

GUIDANCE: New clubs must first be affiliated to the CMHA, to be approved by the CMHA Board

10.7 Turf bookings – Booking requests for the following season need to be submitted to the CMHA office by the 31st January. Priority for bookings will be given to clubs using the following criteria:

- A. Being Financial with the CMHA as at the final payment date.
- B. First preferred practise slot for either full turf 1 hour or half a turf for 2 hours.
- C. Reference to previous years times slots.
- D. Practise times for a development team.
- E. Total number of teams entered by a club.

In the interest of development fairness is optimum.



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Prior to the start of the competition, club C.O.C's will be issued with a login to the system. Once these are issued, all bookings must be made online unless access is locked.

- 10.8** Turf cancellation must be received in writing 48hrs before booked time otherwise the chargeable fee applies. In the event that a booking is cancelled and the turf is used by the booked club or its players the chargeable fee will apply.

GUIDANCE: There may be times which prevents 48hrs notice being given, therefore common sense shall prevail. Where due to weather conditions or lights not working and the turfs are not playable, then no fees will apply.

11. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 11.1** Before any player may take part in any of the open competitions of the Association she/he must be registered as a member of an affiliated club and must not be in arrears of money owing to a club or the Association, unless special arrangements have been put in place.

- 11.2** No player shall belong to more than one affiliated club or association at the same time, nor shall a player play for one club while in arrears to another club.

Where the CMHA organises a Barbarian type team to play in any other competition, those players may play for their registered club in the CMHA competition.

- 11.3** Registrations with CMHA are valid for the current calendar year.



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- 11.4** Affiliated clubs shall (as requested by the CMHA office/COC) supply all required details of all playing members in their respective registered grades, one week before the first competition match of the season. Any club failing to register its players by this date will forfeit all competition points from that date until it complies. Club administrators must regularly review/update (in writing) players' details to ensure they remain current. The onus is on the Club(s) to ensure the CMHA Office/COC has this information.
- 11.5** Each club must register a minimum of 13 players including a goalkeeper in the Premier Team and a minimum of 14 players including a goalkeeper for teams in Reserve grade and below to **play regularly** for each team.
- 11.6** Maximum number of players allowed to be registered in any team shall be 18. Once all team rosters are full (18 players) except for Premier Teams, then the lowest ranked team (men and women) may register up to 30 players.
- 11.7** Should any club fail to secure the registration of any player(s) in accordance with these Rules, such club shall default that match in which the un-registered player(s) took part.
- 11.8** In the event that a player cannot participate in his registered team he may be removed as a registered player and replaced by another.
- GUIDANCE:** Maximum number of players per team will not exceed 18 registered players except where bylaw 11.6 applies.
- 11.9** Clubs are not permitted to register new players after 12.00pm on the last Friday in July. Players must play a minimum of 4 games for their registered team to be eligible to play in the finals.



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11.10 In the interests of safety and avoiding player burnout, players who are members of the Association's Junior Division are not permitted to play in Senior Division competitions.

12. TRANSFERS

12.1 Association to association transfers see Bylaw 10.5

12.2 Before any player is eligible to transfer from one affiliated club to another, an interclub transfer will be carried out. No player may play for another club until transfer has been correctly completed. The completion of a digital transfer on the Hockey NZ platform, administered by Hockey New Zealand is sufficient for this transfer to be approved. Clubs are to provide complete details of electronic transfers as and when required by the COC.

12.3 No transfers between clubs will be approved after 12.00pm on the last Friday of July.

12.4 All player transfers are to be completed using the official Hockey New Zealand portal where possible. Player transfer must be completed prior to Thursday midday for a player to be eligible to play in that weekend's competition and an updated team registration list must be provided to CMHA Office and the Chairman of the COC.



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SECTION 3 MATCH RULES/BYLAWS

13. GRADING

13.1 Rule 11.1 must be satisfied before any player may play in a CMHA competition

13.2 Open Grades shall be Premier, Reserve, Division One, Division Two and Division Three. The number of teams in each grade shall be decided by the CMHA Office/COC but should not be less than 5 ideally.

13.3 There shall be provision for a Development grade in which Clubs are encouraged to enter. Players should be under 18 years of age as at January 1 of the current year and this team can have a maximum of 3 players over the age of 18 registered. These 3 players cannot play in any team in the Premier division. These teams would play in the grade appropriate to their ability as entered by the club.

13.4 The CMHA Office/COC shall determine the grade in which each team shall compete and may also determine in which grade any registered member of an affiliated club shall play.

13.5 Promotion/relegation between grades may be applied. In the event of the winner of the Reserve grade not being eligible for promotion, the next eligible team may challenge the bottom Premier team. The winner of this game shall be admitted to the Premier grade for the subsequent season. For Reserve and all grades below, automatic promotion/relegation between grades will take place within the proviso of Bylaw 13.16 for the Reserve grade. Any club has the right to decline a promotion to the grade above, in which case the opportunity may be offered to the next eligible team.



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- 13.6** Should it be necessary to change the number of teams in any grade, the positioning of any team in any grade shall be at the discretion of the CMHA Office/COC. In reaching a decision, two or more teams may be required to play grading game(s).
- 13.7** Any player may play in one grade higher but not lower than the one in which he/she is registered. Where a club has 2 or more teams in the same grade, then a player in the "B" team may play in the "A" team but not vice versa. A player in the "C" team may play in the "B" team but not in the "A" team.
- 13.8** If a game is played and a player has been found to be unregistered or play in a grade that they breach Bylaw 13.7, or not entered on the match day card (bylaw 15.4) then the team for which that person is associated with shall be deemed to have lost the match. The opposing team will be awarded 5 points and a deemed score line of 4-0 shall apply.
- 13.9** If a game is played and a player is registered for a higher ranked team than the game they played in then the team for which that person is associated with shall be deemed to have lost the match. The opposing team will be awarded 5 points and a deemed score line of 4-0 shall apply.
- 13.10** A player may play a maximum 3 games for a higher ranked team before they become re- registered for the highest team played for.

A player may play a maximum of 2 games in a weekend (Fri – Mon) and no more than 1 game in a day (exception for players given GK/Field player dispensation)

NOTE: (Fri-Mon) allows for cancellations and representative deferments)

- 13.11** Two or more teams from the same club in one grade are to be designated "A" "B", etc. for purposes of playing as per Bylaw 13.5, 13.7, 13.8 and 13.9.
- 13.12** No player, having been registered in a grade or team, shall be permitted to transfer to a lower grade or team during the current season without the prior permission of the CMHA CEO. Applications are to be on the approved forms found on the website and requests can take up to 4 weeks to process. No re-grading will be permitted within 4 weeks of the final game of championship round(s).
- 13.12a** Any player dissatisfied by a decision of the CMHA CEO under rule 13.12 can seek to have that decision reviewed by the Judicial committee by a request made in writing.



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- 13.13** In cases where a goalkeeper is registered in one grade, wishes to play as a field player in a lower grade and where a field player wishes to play as a goalkeeper in a lower grade, clubs must complete the Goalie Nomination Form and return to be approved by the CMHA Office/ COC. Goalkeepers who are granted field player dispensation and field players granted goalkeeper dispensation may play only in the team for which they are nominated.
- 13.14** Clubs that have a Premier team have the right to field a team in the Reserve grade.
- 13.15** Reserve grade will be at least 2 teams larger than Premier grade.
- 13.16** CMHA policy will be that players participating in adult club competition teams may play only in same-sex teams.
- 13.17** However, occasionally there are elite senior women players who require a higher level of competition to enable them to reach their potential as representative and international players. In such cases the CMHA Office/COC will have discretion to decide on a case by case basis, upon written application, whether such players may participate in the Counties Manukau Men's competitions. Serious consideration will also be given to the effect such decision would have on any Male players development.
- GUIDANCE:** Serious consideration will be given to the effect such decision would have on any Male players development.
- 13.18** Where two competing teams are both found to be in breach of any bylaw then both teams will be deemed to be in default of the match



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14.1 Matches shall take place between teams of affiliated clubs under conditions arranged by the CMHA Office/COC who shall administer the format of competition each year.

GUIDANCE: Bylaw 14.1 for the 2019 season, all matches will be played in quarters (4x 17.5min- 2mins between ¼'s and 5mins for half time). TOTAL MATCH TIME = 44MINS
NB: Time will **not** be stopped for penalty corners.

14.2 The COC shall fix dates and times of all games, allocate turfs and decide the number of rounds to be played in each grade. No game shall be played, altered or postponed without the permission of the CMHA Office/COC.

14.3 The CMHA Office in conjunction with the COC shall have the power to alter any dates fixed, or turfs allocated, to postpone and re-schedule matches and generally direct and govern matches under the control of the Senior Division.

14.4 Notwithstanding 14.2 and 14.3, no games shall be played without the consent of both teams involved if notice of that game is given to those teams less than 72 hours before the proposed start time, with the exception to a ground. eg. T1 to T2.

14.5 Any club or team desiring to change or postpone any match must submit to the CMHA Office/COC, in writing from the club secretary, at least 21 days before the date of the game (except in very extenuating circumstances a shorter time period may be accepted).

GUIDANCE: Bylaw 14.6 constitutes what a deferment can be applied for. There may be other reasons for a deferment which can be considered by the COC on a case by case basis on written application at least 4 weeks in advance of any game needing to be deferred.



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- 14.6** A club may apply for (in writing) a match deferral if a team has 4 or more club players absent, representing Counties Manukau or Midlands Hockey at a National Tournament, at the Under 15 level or above. Deferrals should be applied for no less than 21 days in advance unless in exceptional circumstances where a shorter time may be accepted, but in no case shall less than 72 hours be accepted.
- 14.7** Teams shall be divided into grades ***based on their rankings at the completion of the previous season.*** For teams that did not participate in the previous season or where special conditions or anomalies exist, grades/ranking will be decided by the CMHA.
- 14.8** Match points will be awarded as follows for championship games:
- Win 4 points
 - Draw 2 points
 - Loss 0 points
 - Win by default 5 points
- Bonus points**
- Finishing within 1 goal 1 bonus point
 - Scoring 4 goals or more 1 bonus point
 - Default points Notifying teams -2 point
 - Default points Non-notifying teams -5 points
- 14.9** When two or more teams have an equal number of points at competition conclusion (championship) the teams shall be bracketed as joint champions for that year.



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- 14.10** When teams are equal on points the current Hockey NZ Tournament Regional Rules shall be applied only for the purpose of ranking the teams for Grand Final seedlings and promotion/relegation.
- 14.11** Matches against teams subsequently withdrawing from the competition shall not be counted.
- 14.12** The CMHA Office in conjunction with the Umpires Division shall appoint umpires for each match. However, the shortage of qualified umpires available to officiate on all matches dictates that, at some time, clubs will be required to provide umpires for Div 1, Div 2 and Div 3 Grades. For Grand Final rounds, every endeavour will be made to supply appointed umpires for all grades.

15. MATCH PLAY

- 15.1a)** All participants must be eligible to play in any CMHA competition
- 15.1b)** Unless a team has at least 7 players on the field within 10 minutes of the start time set down for the match, that team loses the match by default.
- 15.2** All teams must have at least one player wearing goal keeping protective gear as stipulated by the current FIH Rule Book (if a goal keeper is to be used).
- 15.3** Each team may use a maximum of 16 registered players being all eligible to play, eleven of whom may be on the field at any one time at the team's discretion. All field player substitutions are to be made near the centreline on the dugout side of the turf.



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15.4 Each team shall complete the same team card and hand it to the umpire prior to commencement of the match. Players shall be identified on the card by **first name and surname (as recorded on the team registration list)** and players' numbers **must** be listed. No player or substitute may take the field until said player's name appears on the team card. All playing shirts must be numbered and each shall have a different number to that of his/her team members.

15.4A) should any player or substitute take the field for a team without the player's name being recorded on the team scorecard, then:

- a) If that player is unregistered or registered for a higher grade than in the match referred to in 15.4, his or her team shall be deemed to have lost the match. The opposing team will be awarded 5 points and a deemed score line of 4-0 shall apply. The team for which that player has taken the field shall have 5 penalty points deducted.
- b) If that player is registered for the same grade, or a lower grade, as the match referred to in 15.4, and the team for which he or she has taken the field has not breached rule 15.4A previously in the current season, the club to which that team belongs shall receive a written warning from CMHA Office/COC.
- c) If that player is registered for the same grade, or a lower grade, as the match referred to in 15.4, and the team for which he or she has taken the field has breached rule 15.4A once or more in the current season, the team for which that player has taken the field shall have 2 penalty points deducted.

15.4B) Clauses 15.4A a), b) and c) will apply to Championship games. In the event of a breach occurring in any Grand Final games, the team for which the player has taken the field shall be deemed to have lost the match.

15.5 Following completion of a match, the **winning** team is responsible for ensuring the completed team card and game result (photo acceptable but the quality must be legible) is received/emailed to the CMHA Office (admin@cmha.co.nz). Failure to forward the team card within 48hrs may result in loss of points for that game. In the result of a drawn match it is the responsibility of the first named team (left hand side) on the draw (or match card) to forward the team card. The COC will discuss prior to the start of each season the preferred method of providing the results.



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- 15.6** Each team shall supply a ball according to the rules of hockey, for each championship or other match in which it is engaged. Preferably a white Kookaburra Elite.
- 15.7** Any team wishing to default any championship match must notify the CMHA Office 48 hours before the time of play. Teams who default a game will be deemed to have lost the game and the opposing team will be awarded 5 points and a score line of 4-0. The defaulting team will also have 2 penalty points deducted.
- 15.8** Any team who defaults a game with less than 48 hours' notice or without notification, will be deemed to have lost the game and the opposing team will be awarded 5 points and a score line of 4-0. The defaulting team will also have 5 penalty points deducted and a fine of \$150 + GST.
- GUIDANCE:** Any team that defaults a game in anyway, plays the game to "give the other team a game" MUST write on the match card that the game has been Defaulted. Failure to do so may see breaches of other Bylaws and the fines associated with such.
- 15.9** Defaults under Bylaw 15.7 & 15.8 shall result in the defaulting team meeting the full cost of the artificial surface. No charge will be incurred by the team defaulted to.
- 15.10** Any team defaulting two matches in succession, or three at intervals, may at the discretion of the COC, be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. All fees incurred as a team registration still apply.
- 15.11** All teams playing on the artificial surfaces shall comply with the rules relating to their usage.



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15.12 All games are allocated 90 minutes of turf time to complete a 75 minute game. The start times published on the draw are the start of the 90 minute period, which shall be the game start time. Watering (if required) will commence after the conclusion of each game and the duration of the watering cycle will determine how soon a following game can commence.

Games will be played in 4x 17.5min quarters with 5mins for half time and 2.5mins be

15.13 All games shall finish at or before the scheduled finish time regardless of the actual start time and the amount of time played. In cases of unforeseen circumstances such as light failure, weather etc., the game may have to be rescheduled at the discretion of the COC.

15.14 Time shall be stopped during a match only to allow penalty strokes to be taken and to deal with serious injuries.

15.15 Turfs have been named as follows T1 and T2.

15.16 All CMHA semi-final and final matches require a result. In the event of a drawn match a penalty shoot-out shall determine the winner. The shoot-out format shall be as per Hockey NZ Regional Tournament rules found on the Hockey NZ website

15.17 In the event of weather or other unforeseen circumstance affecting a game, where 52 minutes of playing time have been completed, then the result at that time will stand. If 52 minutes playing time has not been completed, the game will be rescheduled by the COC/CMHA Office to be played again.



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SECTION 4 UMPIRES

IMPORTANT: The CMHA operates under the HNZ Code of Conduct for Associations. This has Priority

16 Umpires have total control over all matches

17. CARD SYSTEM/SUSPENSION

- 17.1** CMHA has adopted the Hockey NZ card system for use by umpires, which forms the basis for a system which triggers an automatic penalty or indicates that a participant may or will be summonsed to appear before the Judicial Committee (Judiciary). The issue of a card carries points, which can be awarded by umpires to any participant (player, coach, manager or official) associated with the team during a match (which is defined as the period 15 minutes prior to the start of a match until 15 minutes after the match has ended).
- 17.2** A card may be issued where participants:
- Swear, spontaneously or otherwise;
 - Spit on, refuse to take measures to stop bleeding on or otherwise cause a turf to be potentially infected in an avoidable manner;
 - Strike or strike at other participants, whether it be with stick, fist or foot or otherwise
 - Indulge in abuse, at other participants or umpires, or indulge in displays of dissent; conduct any unseemly or unsporting behaviour;
 - Display any behaviour, which brings disrepute to the sport of Hockey or CMHA
- 17.3** In addition, the Judiciary has the power to hear any matters relating to behaviour detrimental to the sport of Hockey or CMHA, by any participant whether that behaviour takes place during a match or at some other time.



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- 17.4** The match umpires during the match may issue a player with a green, yellow or red card. A green card serves as a warning and a 2 min suspension; any level of yellow means suspension from the game for 5 minutes or 10 minutes, depending on the nature of the offence, and a red card means the recipient will take no further part in the game. The umpires shall record all cards issued during a match on the team card.
- 17.5** Each card will carry penalty points as follows
- Green card 1 points
- Yellow card 3-6 points (3 points- Technical Foul, 5 points – Breakdown Foul, 6 points- Abuse)- 3-4 points = 5minute Yellow suspension, 5 or 6 points = 10min Yellow suspension
- Red card 12 points
- 17.6** Any participant receiving a red card in a match (international, provincial, club or school) is automatically awarded 12 points and suspended for the next authorised hockey match. This suspension will run concurrent with any imposed as a result of an accumulation of points and will commence at the conclusion of the match in which the card is issued. A participant so suspended may not take part in any game prior to appearing before the Judiciary. The Judiciary may impose whatever additional penalty/suspension they consider appropriate.
- 17.7** Participants receiving yellow or green cards during a season and accumulating 12 points will automatically be suspended for the next authorised hockey match. The Judiciary may require the offender to appear before it and impose whatever penalty/suspension they consider appropriate.
- 17.8** Following the penalty/suspension, 6 points will remain credited to the participant, such that the accumulation of another 6 or more points will result in a further automatic suspension for one match. Penalty points are retained as per the code of conduct.



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- 17.9** The umpires shall record all suspensions during the match on the team card. Where a participant has been issued with a Red Card, the umpires concerned shall forward a written report to the CMHA Office within 48 hours.
- 17.10** The Judiciary shall consider all incidents as per the CMHA Code of Conduct.
- 17.11** The Judiciary may affect such further suspensions, fines or other action against a participant as it deems fit in the circumstances.
- 17.12** The Judiciary will confirm any decisions in writing to the CMHA Office who will in turn inform the participant's club secretary.
- 17.13** Penalty points will be administered solely by the Umpires Division in conjunction with the CMHA office.