

BUSSELTON HOCKEY STADIUM CLUB (INCORPORATED)

BY-LAWS

DEFINITIONS: *Throughout these By-laws the words hereunder referred to shall bear the meanings herein below:*

“Association” shall mean any Association affiliated with the Western Australian Hockey Association.

“Team” shall mean any organised group of players entered into a competition sanctioned by the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated).

“Affiliated Associations” shall mean Busselton, Bunbury & Districts & Collie Associations; senior, junior & veteran grades for the purpose of by-law 12.5 Misconduct Cards

Amended: 22/04/08

1.0 ADMINISTRATION OF BY-LAWS

The By-laws as hereunder described are applicable to all members Clubs and Associations of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated).

The Board of Directors will monitor adherence to these By-laws and take such action as necessary as a result of these By-laws, or should a breach of these By-laws be brought to their attention. In the event of a discrepancy with the interpretation of these By-laws, the State Association By-laws shall be used for clarification.

2.0 POWERS AND DUTIES OF CLUBS

2.1 Clubs do not have the power to commit the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated).

2.2 Clubs shall comply with all reasonable requests of Sub-committees of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) and in particular the Board of Directors and the Protests and Disputes Tribunal.

2.3 Coaches, Captains and Managers of teams must bear the ultimate responsibility for the teams' actions and conduct on and off the hockey field both during home and away matches.

3.0 AFFILIATION, REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

3.1 An affiliation for each grade shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors. Each Club shall pay, to the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated), 75% of the set fee by the third (3rd) fixture week of the current season with the remaining 25% to be paid by May 30th of the current season.

3.2 A registration list of each Club's members to be presented to the Director of Fixtures by the third (3rd) fixture week. Dates of birth, addresses and phone numbers of all players are also required. In addition, every senior and junior player must sign a disclaimer on the registration form prior to playing in his or her first (1st) fixture for the season. Failure to pay the required fees or present the register of members will render the Club (or team) ineligible to participate in further games and will forfeit such games from the due date until the situation is rectified.

3.3 The names, dates of birth, addresses and phone numbers of any players joining the Club after the third (3rd) fixture week must be written on the back of the Fixture Card of the match they are first playing in. **Note:** By-law 5.0 also applies - Transfers *Amended: 15/05/06*

4.0 UNIFORMS

4.1 The Director of Fixtures shall keep a register of all Team/Club uniforms. All Team members whilst participating in Association fixtures must wear these registered uniforms. Umpires have the authority to remove from the field of play any player not wearing the correct team uniform by the commencement of the third (3rd) playing date of the current hockey season.

4.2 No existing Club may change its playing uniform without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors. Any new Club formed must advise the Board of Directors of its proposed playing uniform. No new Club shall use a playing uniform that does not have the prior written approval of the Board of Directors.

4.3 If the playing uniforms of both teams in a fixture are so similar that it may lead to a possible confusion, the second named team in that fixture shall wear an alternate uniform.

4.4 Bike shorts worn in conjunction with the registered uniform, must either be skin toned or the same colour as the registered skirt or shorts.

4.5 Numbers must be displayed on the backs of playing shirts in senior grades *and must be of contrasting colour to playing shirts*. Player's names may also be displayed on the backs of playing shirts, however sponsorship is not permitted. A three hundred millimetre (300mm) sponsorship logo and a seventy-five millimetre (75mm) Club logo will be permitted on the front or sleeves of the playing shirts. *Amended:25/03/08*

4.6 The uniform of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) shall be coloured royal blue and white. Only members representing the Association shall wear the above-mentioned uniform. When in Association uniform, no player shall behave in a manner that reflects discredit to the Association. Breach of the rule will result in action by the Board of Directors.

5.0 TRANSFERS

5.1 A Club shall not play a person who has played for another Club, Association or Metropolitan Club until that person has been transferred in accordance with this By-law. A person who has not played hockey for more than three (3) years does not require a transfer. Transfer conditions do not apply to the South West Strikers who are registered players of the Association.

5.2 No person may be a playing member of two (2) Clubs or Associations at any time, except when that person is a member of a Veterans team with one Club/Association and also plays in any other grade of another Club/ Association, or in special circumstances as determined by the Director of Fixtures. *Amended:25/03/08*

5.2.1 Special Circumstance Agreement for A2 Registered Player: An application must be placed and approved by the Director of Fixtures prior to the A2 registered player taking the field for a **Busselton** SWL team, subject to by-law 5.2 above & by-law 6.5.4 Two Fixtures in a Weekend. *Circulated Nov 2010 to Board for comment. Amended:25/03/08*

5.3 Players transferring from Club to Club within the Busselton Association must submit a transfer, on the approved form, to the Director of Fixtures at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the game in which the player is to play. A transfer for any other player outside the Busselton Association must be presented, on the approved form, to the Director of Fixtures at least ten (10) days before the commencement of the game in which the player is to play. The Club will be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of the Director of Fixtures receiving the transfer and the player cannot play until a clearance is granted.

5.4 A Club may refuse a clearance of a player on the grounds that the person is indebted to that Club or in possession of Club property. Any question as to a clearance may be referred to the board of Directors who may, notwithstanding the failure of the Club to grant a clearance, declare the player eligible to play for another Club (subject to all debts and property being cleared and or returned to the players' former Club).

5.5 A Club shall not play a person who is not resident in Western Australia unless prior to playing he/she is granted a permit by the Board of Directors. A person who has continuously resided in Western Australia for not less than two (2) months is deemed a resident of Western Australia. The Board of Directors shall grant a permit to a Club unless in its absolute discretion the Club will obtain an unfair advantage. Note: a deposit of twenty (\$20) dollars must accompany each application and may be refunded on verification of the player's eligibility to play with this Association.

5.6 Any Junior player from any other Association will be able to play in the Busselton Association provided that they have not been a member of a senior team in the other Association.

5.7 Transfers will not usually be accepted after 30th June in each year. A letter should accompany the request for clearance from the Board of Directors or representative, to approve or disapprove.

Amended: 24/04/07

5.8 Junior Association Teams Representation. All junior members affiliated with the Busselton Hockey Association are eligible for selection in Busselton junior association teams and must nominate for the Busselton Association first. No junior player affiliated with the Busselton Hockey Association may play for a club or team not associated with the Busselton Hockey Association in any junior competition except in circumstances where the Busselton Hockey Association or affiliated South West Hockey Association have not entered a team, or under special circumstances as deemed by the Busselton Hockey Stadium Board

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6.0 COMPETITION MATCHES

6.1 PLAYERS

6.1.1 A team shall select eleven (11) players for each match. An additional five (5) players, from the same or lower grade, may be selected to act as reserves for substitution for each match. A written team list is to be recorded on the fixture card and will have the first eleven players numbered from 1 – 11 and will only contain names of those players at the ground at the start of the game. The fixture card is to be completed by the team captain and handed to the umpires before the start of the match. The umpires may add names of players who arrive late to the list, so long as the list does not exceed sixteen (16) names. No players' name may be added to the fixture card unless he/she takes the field in that game.

6.1.2 No team shall commence play with less than seven (7) players, one of who must wear secured protective headgear. A team with less than eleven (11) players may add extra players during the progress of the game until the full complement of eleven (11) is reached.

6.1.3 Substitution of players may take place at any time, except during a penalty corner, such that there are never more than eleven (11) players of one team on the field (inclusive of any team member suspended by the umpire).

6.1.4 To be eligible to play in any Veterans grade, each player must be aged thirty-five (35) years or over as of the first (1st) January in that year. Each team will be permitted a maximum of up to two (2) players aged thirty-three (33) years or over as of the first (1st) January in that year.

6.1.5 To be eligible to play in any junior grade, each player must be under the age limit of each grade as at January 1st in that current hockey season. *Amended: 24/04/07*

6.1.6 The minimum age for a player wishing to play in senior grades shall be twelve (12) years old as at January 1st, in that current hockey season. Clubs wishing to play younger players must apply to the Board of Directors in writing for special dispensation.

6.2 FIXTURE CARDS

6.2.1 Fixture cards shall record the result of the match, a list of players who participated in both teams (number, surname and Christian name) and any comments regarding the match. The Captains of each team are responsible to confirm all recorded details are correct by signing the card immediately after the umpires have completed the game score. The umpires are responsible to record the best players for each team on the card, and then to select (3) best players for the match (from the team best players) on the secret ballot attached to the card for the Association Fairest & Best votes and to seal in the envelope. The umpires are responsible to place the completed fixture card and the sealed secret ballot envelope in the Records box. *Amended:24/04/07*

6.2.2 The first named Club for each fixture is responsible for the collection of the fixture card from the appropriate pigeonhole prior to the commencement of the fixture.

6.2.3 The Stadium Manager shall keep a record of all player registrations and the matches in which each registered member has played. The Director of Fixtures is responsible to report any discrepancies to the next practicable Board meeting. *Amended: 25/03/08*

6.2.4 Provided the player's names are recorded on the fixture card, those players shall be considered having played in the match in the event of the opposing team forfeiting the match.

6.3 FIXTURES

6.3.1 All fixtures must be played on the date and time and at the ground appointed unless prior authorisation is obtained from the Director of Fixtures. *Amended: 25/03/08*

6.3.2 Where weather or ground conditions are unsatisfactory, a fixture may be postponed if both captains and umpires together with the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club Chairman or representative are in agreement. Any game that is postponed shall be completed or replayed at such venue and at such time and date as agreed by the captains and approved by the Director of Fixtures according to the following:

- a) If the fixture has not been commenced, or less than 20 minutes has been played, the fixture will be replayed in full, otherwise it will be completed.
- b) The score upon resumption of the match shall be the score standing at the time of the interruption.
- c) The teams playing a postponed fixture shall consist of the same players as originally selected for the fixture unless in special circumstances the *Director of Fixtures* allows a change. In the event of a postponed fixture, a completed match card, complete with players' names, is to be placed in the match card box by the umpires on the day of postponement.

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d) If a team refuses to complete a match after it has been postponed, that team shall forfeit the match.

6.3.3 This By-law is only applicable after the first four (4) fixtures of the season: On a fixture week where a team has a bye, a player having played half their previous fixtures in a higher numerical grade, may not play in a lower numerical grade, unless permission has been granted by the Director of Fixtures. Written application for permission must be submitted to the Director of Fixtures at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the fixture.

6.3.4 For matches, each team shall supply at least one (1) white hockey ball of FIH standard requirements in serviceable condition to the satisfaction of the umpires.

6.4 FORFEITS

6.4.1 When a team forfeits a fixture it shall notify an Office Bearer of the opposing Club, the Director of Fixtures, the Umpires Co-ordinator and the Stadium Manager, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled fixture time. A match card for the scheduled game must be submitted as per usual. If notification of the forfeit has been given forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled fixture, the turf hire fee for both teams shall not be charged. *Amended: 24/04/07*

6.4.2 In the event of any team being unready or unwilling to commence play at the scheduled time and if not ready to commence within ten (10) minutes of the appointed time, the match shall be forfeited in favour of the team that was ready to play. In this case, the team who forfeits the match shall pay the full turf hire fee for both teams. *Amended: 24/04/07*

6.4.3 When any team forfeits a fixture, full points are credited to the opposing team and three (3) goals are debited against the team forfeiting. Three (3) goals are credited to the team receiving the forfeit.

6.4.4 When a Club has more than one (1) team and wishes to forfeit in one or more grades, it must forfeit in the lowest grade in which it is represented, or offending team will lose premiership points. *Amended: 24/04/07*

6.4.5 Where any team that has begun playing the fixture withdraws from that fixture, it shall not score points for that fixture, but full points for a win shall be credited to the opposing team. Goals for and against shall stand for each team.

6.5 TWO FIXTURES IN A WEEKEND

6.5.1 No player is permitted to play in more than one (1) match on any fixture week, except in the cases listed in by-laws 6.5.2, 6.5.3, 6.5.4. Also in the case of a replayed or postponed fixture, or a split round of fixtures played on two (2) separate days which shall be regarded as one fixture week for the purpose of this By-law. A fixture week consists of Thursday to Friday inclusive. *Amended: 01/05/08*

6.5.2 In any fixture week, any registered goalkeeper may play in any grade as a field player, as well as a normal scheduled goalkeeping match, and such player shall be clearly marked on the fixture card. A registered goalkeeper is defined as "a player who is outfitted with the prescribed goalkeeping uniform."

6.5.3 Players playing in the Veterans Competition are also eligible to play in the grade competition in the same week of a fixture.

6.5.4 In men's matches, any player will be eligible to act as a substitute player in any match for their Club provided that he does not enter the field of play during the first fifteen (15) minutes of the match, unless substituting for a player, who in the opinion of the umpire, has sustained an injury either preventing them from immediately resuming their part in preventing them from taking any further part in the match. This substitute player is eligible to play in the first eleven (11) in a lower grade in the same fixture week, but may only be named as a substitute once in the same fixture week. **This "open age" by-law is for a trial period for the 2010 season, to be reviewed by the Board of Directors before the final series to ensure clubs are encouraging the development of all players and no unfair advantage gained.** *Circulated Nov 2010 to Board for comment*
Amended 23/03/10

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6.6 FAIREST & BEST AWARDS

6.6.1 Umpires are to select best players for each team and write them on the scorecard, with three (3) votes scored for the best player, two (2) for the second best player and one (1) vote for the third best player

6.6.2 Umpires are to select the best players for the match from the (6) best players selected for each team and write them on the voting slip attached to the scorecard, with three (3) votes for the best player on the ground, two (2) votes for the second best player and one (1) for the third best player.
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6.6.3 In the event of two or more player being awarded an equal number of votes for the Fairest and Best award, a count-back will be conducted to determine a winner. The count-back will establish the numbers of 3 votes, 2 votes, and 1 votes that have been awarded to the players in question. The player with the greatest number of 3 votes (if equal 2 votes and if equal 1 votes) will be declared the winner. If players are unable to be separated, joint winners will be declared.

6.6.4 In the event of an ineligible player playing in any fixture, goals scored and fairest & best votes should only be counted for the team offended against. Those goals scored and fairest & best votes for the offending team shall be deducted.
Amended: 25/03/08

7.0 PREMIERSHIP TABLES

7.1 The Premiership Table shall be computed by awarding three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss.

7.2 Where two teams have played in an equal number of fixtures and have an equal number of premiership points, their relative positions on the premiership table shall be decided:

- a)** Firstly, on goal difference. Goal difference is arrived at by subtracting the goals scored against a team from the goals scored by it (e.g. 40 goals scored by the team and 20 goals conceded by the team, gives a goal difference of 20).
- b)** Then if still equal, then by the most number of wins.
- c)** Then if still equal, then by the most number of goals.
- d)** Then if still equal, then by the highest total of goals scored when the teams played each other during the season:
- e)** Then if still equal, then by the tossing of a coin.

7.3 Where the teams have played in an unequal number of games, the position of teams on the premiership table shall be decided on percentages. A team percentage is arrived at by dividing the points scored by the possible points and multiplying the result by a hundred (e.g. games played = possible points 36, points scored = 18. Percentage $18/36 \times 100 = 50\%$). This clause shall not apply to a team that has played three or more games less than that team having played the most number of games.

7.4 Clubs querying or wishing to correct the premiership table must do so in writing to the Director of Fixtures. Confirmation of the correct score is required in writing from both Clubs involved in the match concerned. Should an error on the premiership table as published not be queried or otherwise corrected within two weeks of the date of publication of that premiership table, the table will be deemed to be correct.

7.5 The team finishing first at the completion of the qualifying fixtures in each grade is the winner of the Minor Premiership for that grade.

8.0 CHALLENGE CUPS - Although games are not played, the teams finishing top at the end of the first round are presented with the perpetual trophy at the end of season presentations, in honour of the trophy donors and to maintain the history of the Association. *Circulated Nov 2010 to Board for comment* *Amended: 25/03/08*

9.0 FINALS FORMAT

9.1.1 The leading four (4) teams at the completion of the qualifying fixtures shall contest the semi finals in each grade. The third (3rd) and fourth (4th) teams on the premiership table will play the First Semi Final. (Elimination Final). The first (1st) and second (2nd) teams on the premiership table will play the Second Semi Final. *Amended: 24/04/07*

9.1.2 The winner of the First Semi Final will play the loser of the Second Semi Final in the Preliminary Final.

9.1.3 The winner of the Second Semi Final will play the winner of the Preliminary Final in the Grand Final to determine the Premiership winner of that grade for that season.

9.2 QUALIFICATIONS

9.2.1 All players playing in a finals series (semi finals, preliminary finals or grand finals) must have played in at least four (4) fixtures prior to the semi finals for that Club in the current season. In addition, to be eligible to participate in the finals series, each player must have played in that grade or lower for their last four (4) qualifying round matches; or must have played at least half their fixtures for the season in that grade or lower.

9.2.2 A Club must apply in writing to the Board of Directors to obtain permission to play a person in a finals fixture that does not fulfil the eligibility criteria. The Board of Directors may meet within the week prior to the Finals fixture if required. Only in special circumstances when it is proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors that an unfair advantage is not the objective of the Club, may approval be granted.

10.0 TIEBREAKERS

In the event of a Finals fixture resulting in a draw at the conclusion of normal playing time, then the tiebreaker rule is to apply.

a) The tiebreaker rule provides for five (5) players from each team to take a penalty stroke alternatively. Each team must take all five strokes.

b) Should the fixture still be drawn, a further five (5) strokes must be taken by each team, as above utilising any five (5) of their players irrespective of whether or not they participated in the first tie-breaker. This procedure is to continue until one team leads at the completion of each pair of strokes– (sudden death). The other team takes the first stroke. *Amended: 24/04/07*

c) Each goalkeeper should defend for their team unless unable to in which case one of the stroke takers may replace them.

d) The umpires are to decide which goals shall be used for the tiebreaker.

e) Team Captains must toss a coin to decide which team takes the first stroke.

f) There shall be no break in time between the end of the fixture and the commencement of the tiebreaker.

g) Should a fixture have to be decided by a tiebreaker, the penalty strokes can be taken by any of the players who have taken the field of play during the match, except players under suspension. *Amended: 24/04/07*

11.0 WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

When a team is withdrawn from the competition after the commencement of the season, all points and goals scored in fixtures involving the team prior to its withdrawal are to be cancelled.

12.0 UMPIRING

12.1 An Umpire's rulings during the progress of the match shall be final and shall not be the subject of dispute or argument, except in extraordinary circumstances. The captain has the right to query a decision in a respectful manner on behalf of his/her team. *Amended: 24/04/07*

12.2 In the event of excessive harassment of umpires by Coaches, Club Members, Officials or supporters, umpires shall have the power to stop the match, call both Captains and ascertain whether the person(s) is a Coach, Club Member, Official or Supporter:

a) If a Supporter, the umpire has no directive from the rules and the game is to continue. However any member of the Association is responsible to deal with unsportsmanlike behaviour from spectators under the "Condition of Entry" and "Patron Behaviour Code of Conduct" endorsed by the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) *Amended: 24/04/07*

b) If a Coach, Club Member or Official, the name and Club is to be noted on the match card and the Captain of the offending team warned that if the offender continues to harass, he/she may be sent off, and a new Captain must be appointed for the duration of the match. If the behaviour continues the Captain of the offending team may again be sent off. A match will be concluded if any less than seven (7) players remain on the field.

12.3 An umpire appointed by a Club to perform allocated umpiring duties, must have played at the level equal to, or higher, than the grade of the appointment unless the umpire is an accredited umpire or permission has been obtained from the Director of Fixtures or Umpires Convenor.

Amended: 24/04/07

12.4 If an allocated Club fails to attend a rostered match, or fails to arrange a substitute umpire, the offending Club will be fined \$50 per senior duty and \$20 junior duty made payable to Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated).

12.4.1 In addition, should a Club fail to supply an umpire as allocated in the fixtures, and then in that Club's next fixtured game they shall play the first half of their game with one (1) player LESS.

12.4.2 If more than one (1) umpire of a Club allocated to umpire fails to attend an allocated fixture then the penalty shall be for a full game with one (1) player LESS.

12.4.3 Substitutions can take place as normal but no more than the starting total number may be on the field for the first half of the game at any time or for the entire game as per player suspensions in accordance to the rules.

12.4.4 The fifteen (15) minute rule will still apply for "two games in a weekend players."

12.4.5 The Director of Fixtures shall advise all Clubs by email and the Stadium Manager, of the team that has contravened this by-law (12.4.1 & 12.4.2), before the next fixture. The Director of Fixtures or the Stadium Manager is responsible to write the appropriate penalty on the next fixture card for the umpires' information.

Amended: 25/03/08

12.4.6 The team that contravenes any point in by-law 12.4 shall be penalised by losing any points gained from the fixture and the team offended against shall receive three (3) points for the win. Any goals scored by the team offended against shall be retained by that team. Those goals scored by the offending team shall be deducted.

Amended: 24/04/07

12.5 MISCONDUCT CARDS

Amended: 22/04/08

Any breach of the FIH Rules of Hockey shall be dealt with, where applicable, with the imposition of either a:

- 2 minutes (suspension time starts when player on penalty seat and game time continues) (green card)
- Temporary Suspension (yellow card)
- Permanent Suspension (Red card)
- Misconduct charge against a participant

12.5.1 Temporary Suspensions (yellow card)

Amended: 22/04/08

The Director of Fixtures will regulate and administer, through Hockey Net system, temporary suspensions as follows:

When a player accumulates four (4) temporary suspensions in the Busselton Association and affiliated association during the competition season, a one-game suspension from all Busselton competitions and affiliated associations.(not sure if this one still applies)

12.5.2 For every additional three (3) temporary suspensions a player receives in any Busselton Association competition during the season after the fourth caution, a two game suspension is imposed from all Busselton Association competitions and affiliated associations

12.5.3 If at the end of the qualifying season a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply for the finals series or for the next playing date of official competition the player is available to play.

12.5.4 For the purpose of finals, all temporary suspensions will be removed from a player's record at the end of the qualifying season. When a player accumulates two (2) temporary suspensions in any Busselton competition during the finals series, a one-game suspension is imposed from all Busselton and affiliated association competitions as determined

12.5.5 The Director of Fixtures will notify clubs whose players are suspended with a minimum 24 hours notice prior to the next fixture game.

12.5.6 Players have the right of appeal under by-law 14.0 Reports & Complaints

12.6 Permanent Suspensions (red cards)

12.6.1 In the event of a player receiving a permanent suspension, the umpire concerned must submit a report (Red Card Report Form- back of score card) on the incident to the Director of Fixtures within 48 hours of the offence occurring.

12.6.2 The player will be suspended from all Busselton and affiliated Association competitions for the next fixture for which they are available and the player may face a tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalty/penalties are to be incurred.

12.6.3 If at the end of the season a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply from the commencement of the following season.

12.7 Game Suspensions

A player shall be deemed to be available for a game unless they are:

- Representing WA in an Australian Championship or Australian Hockey league game;
- Participating in an Australian Representative Team, or
- Serving a suspension imposed by the Protest and Disputes Tribunal

13.0 PENALTIES

13.1 In the event of an ineligible player playing in a qualifying fixture, the offending team shall lose any points gained from the fixture and shall be penalised three (3) further points. The team offended against shall receive a maximum of three (3) points for the win. Any goals scored by the team offended against shall be retained by that team. Those goals scored by the offending team shall be deducted.

13.2 In the event of an ineligible player playing in any fixture, goals scored and fairest & best votes should only be counted for the team offended against. Those goals scored and fairest & best votes for the offending team shall be deducted. *Amended: 25/03/08*

13.3 In the event of a false recording of a name on the match card in addition to the penalties stipulated in By-law 13.1 herein, the player who plays under the false name and the player, if any, under whose name they have played shall be deemed not to have played on that day at all for the purpose of qualifying for a Finals fixture. *Amended: 25/03/08*

13.4 Any Association player who nominates and is chosen in any representative team who fails to be present at any appointed match without a legitimate written excuse shall be penalised by suspension from their next three (3) Club matches.

13.5 The penalties detailed in the above sub-paragraph, may be varied for a lesser penalty (on appeal) or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

13.6 FINES

Amended: 24/04/07

a) If a Club fails to pay the required fees or present a register of members, the Club (or team) will be ineligible to participate in further games and will forfeit such games from the due date until the situation is rectified.

b) Umpires are responsible to write on the card players who are not in correct uniform after the 3rd playing date. Clubs will incur a fine of \$20 dollars per team for every game players are not wearing correct uniform, with exemptions for fill-in players. *Amended: 25/03/08*

c) If a Club fails to provide an umpire for a rostered match it will be fined and penalized. *(see By-law 12.4 for details).*

d) If a team uses the goal circles for training purposes or match warm-up, the Club will be fined \$100 dollars. *Amended: 24/04/07*

e) If a Club fails to fulfill any volunteer duties as specified by the Board of Directors, it shall be fined an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors.

14.0 REPORTS AND COMPLAINTS

14.1 It shall be the duty of any umpire or team Captain to make a report or complaint in circumstances of a serious nature such as:

- a)** Disputing the decision of any umpire;
- b)** Use of insulting or abusive language before, during or after a match;
- c)** Striking a player or umpire;
- d)** Execution of a deliberate act contrary to fair play;
- e)** Causing interference or attempting to cause interference with the control exercised by an umpire during a match;
- f)** Acting in a manner likely to bring discredit to the game of hockey.

14.2 Any report or complaint should be forwarded in writing to the Director of Fixtures within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the match in which the reportable incident took place.

Each report or complaint, other than one made by an umpire must be accompanied by a fifty (\$50) dollar fee. The fee may be refunded at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

14.3 All Charges or offences committed against the rules of the Association must be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may call upon any member to attend any meeting and reply to questions relating to the said report. If such member, after receiving due notice, fails to appear to answer such questions shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be reported to the Club to which they are a member of, disqualified from taking part in any match under the Association rules or from holding any position in the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) or in any member Club, and shall suffer any further penalty which may be imposed by the Board of Directors.

14.4 In the event of any member, player, official or Club member of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) being proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors to have been guilty of any violation of the laws of the game, the Constitution or By-laws of the Busselton Hockey Association Club (Incorporated) or any decision or order of the Board of Directors, or of any misconduct, the Board of Directors by majority of five (5) shall have the power to order the offending member Club, player or official to be removed from the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) suspended for a stated period or fined, penalised, disqualified or dealt with in such manner as the Board of Directors shall think fit.

Amended: 25/03/08

14.5 Any decision reached by the Board of Directors in terms of this rule, must be executed in writing and signed by the Directors authorising the decision and handed to the offending member Club, player or official within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision being reached.

14.6 The Board of Directors shall have the power to adjudicate on all disputes and matters brought before it of any nature that in any way affects the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) of any Officer thereof, a Member Club or any of their members. The Board of Directors also has the power to delegate any of the powers under its Constitution or By-laws to the Protest and Disputes Tribunal (see By-law 14.7).

14.7 PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

a) Members of the Protests and Disputes Tribunal are to be decided by the members of the Busselton Hockey Association Club (Incorporated) from a panel put forward by the Board of Directors.

b) The Protests and Disputes Tribunal shall hear all protests no later than the Wednesday of the week following the incident.

c) Should it be deemed necessary by the Protests and Disputes Tribunal, the Club against which the complaint is lodged shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours notice by the Director of Fixtures of the time and place at which a Club representative and the player(s) concerned may be asked to appear before the Protests and Disputes Tribunal. The Umpires who officiated the match in which the incident took place may also be required to attend.

15.0 SUSPENSION OF A PLAYER BY A CLUB

Where any player is suspended by their Club for misconduct at a hockey fixture, and the fact of the suspension is advised to the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated), then that player shall not be permitted to participate in a hockey fixture in Western Australia for the duration of the suspension, save that the Board of Directors may vary the period of or remove the suspension as it deems fit.

16.0 CUPS AND TROPHIES

16.1 Fairest and Best trophies will be awarded in each grade in the form of a perpetual trophy and individual trophy. The winner will be decided on the highest total number of votes attained each week. These secret votes are to be recorded on the secret ballot and sealed by the umpires at the completion of the match.

Amended: 24/04/07

16.2 All Premiership, Challenge and other Cups, Trophies and Pennants, and other awards and presentations won by the Association, shall at all times remain the property of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) and at all times be kept in the safe custody of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) Such custody is deemed to include the display in a locked glass cabinet in the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club Clubrooms, save and except for those presentations for which this requirement will be impractical i.e. pennants and banners.

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16.3 All such Cups, Trophies, Pennants and other awards and presentations are to be in the sole custody of the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) Manager, who subject to By-

law 16.1, shall keep such items in good repair and up to date at all times. The removal of any item for repair or updating may only be done with the permission of the Manager.

16.4 Any person found to be responsible for the loss or damage of Cups, Trophies, Pennants and other awards and presentations may be required by the Busselton Hockey Stadium Club (Incorporated) to make full restitution.

17.0 GOALS AND GROUNDS

Amended: 24/04/07

17.1 Under no circumstances are the goal circles to be used for warm-up, practice or during any training sessions. A fine of (\$100) dollars will be imposed on Clubs practicing in goal circles.

17.2 The teams playing last on each field must ensure that any rubbish left on the ground surrounding the field that they played on is picked up and placed in the nearest rubbish bin.

18.0 AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

In the event of an amalgamation of Clubs after the close of one season and prior to the commencement of the next season, the Board of Directors shall have the power to grade the teams nominated by the new Club in such a manner as in its opinion shall produce a balanced competition.

19.0 TRAVELLING OR VISITING TEAMS

Clubs interested in travelling, or receiving visiting teams, are to notify the Board of Directors of their intentions.

20.0 CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

No clause, or part of a clause of these By-laws shall be repealed or amended and no new clause shall be added to these By-laws except by a majority of votes at any meeting of the Board of Directors, or Special Meeting called for that purpose. Proposed alterations and present clauses(s) must be circulated to all Clubs at least ten (10) days before such meetings and must be dealt with no later than the next Board meeting.