

POVERTY BAY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COMPETITION RULES 2018

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1. Introduction

1.1 These are the rules under which the Poverty Bay Hockey Association (PBHA) club competition will be run.

2. Amendments

2.1 PBHA follow the FIH Playing Rules except as per rule 2.1.1.

2.1.1 The PBHA on recommendation from the Competitions Committee (CC) may make amendments to these rules at any time.

3. Affiliation / Team Entry

3.1 Clubs shall first enter the team in the relevant competition upon the return of the official entry form available from the PBHA website. This must be fully completed prior to consideration for entry into PBHA competitions.

3.2 Entry to the club competition is a commitment to the full season, including semi-finals and finals. Refer to section 7 default/deferral of matches for rules regarding default of semis and finals.

3.3 Each team/club will be invoiced by PBHA for the affiliation fees for the season (see website for fee details). The affiliation fee is due by the 20th of the month following the invoice date. All other fees (turf, competitions, day registrations, registrations beyond 16 players, turf training etc.) will be invoiced on a monthly basis retroactively, to be paid by the 20th of the month following the invoice date. All accounts must be paid in full prior to the Play-Offs. Unpaid fees will result in teams not being awarded points from when fees are due until outstanding fees are paid (i.e. if invoice not paid by the due date then the offending team/club cannot receive any points until the invoice has been paid). No team/club that is not financial to the association will be allowed to compete in the Play-Offs, Semis or Finals.

3.4 Clubs shall pay a withdrawal fee if a team is withdrawn from the competition at any stage (fee to be set by the PBHA).

3.5 Where a club has more than one team entered in the competition the teams shall be ranked according to strength.

3.6 Each club must register a minimum of 11 players in each team.

4. Registration / Transfers of Players

4.1 Before a player may take part in the PBHA Club Competition she/he must be a registered member of a PBHA affiliated club, or have completed a Day Registration Form. Such player must not be in financial arrears or under disciplinary action to any club or association, unless special arrangements have been put in place. No school player prior to Year 9 shall be allowed to compete in the PBHA Club Competition unless exempt through rule 4.1.1..

4.1.1 The only exception are those players who have received an exemption through the Age Group Dispensation Process. This process looks at a player's physical, mental, social/emotional, technical/tactical skills and can only be approved through the PBHA. Please refer to www.pbhockey.co.nz for the official application form.

- 4.2 No player shall belong to more than one affiliated club or association at the same time (apart from Day Registration players)
- 4.3 No player, including day registered players, may be registered in more than one team in the Poverty Bay Hockey Competition.
- 4.4 Day Registration Players allows for non-registered players to compete in the PBHA. Eligibility is based on players not being non financial with any playing association or NZH. There shall be a limit of three (3) games a Day Registered Player can play, she/he may not compete in any play-offs, semis or finals unless she/he is fully registered. Players must be fully registered to a team to play a fourth game. The fee for Day Registrations will be set by the Competitions Committee on an annual basis (for ratification by the PBHA). Team cards must adequately identify Day Registered Players and be signed by the team captain approving the PBHA to invoice the team/club for the fee. Note that registered players in the secondary school competition are not required to pay Day Registration fees, but must still provide a clearance from their school to play in the club competition.
- 4.5 School teams allowed entry into the club competition can play senior players. All non student players will be charged \$375 as set by the PBHA.

Please Note: it is up to schools to decide if they are to limit the number of adults.

- 4.5.1 School teams will be expected to abide by the same rules and will have the same expectations as clubs.
- 4.6 Each team will nominate a contact person to the PBHA and all correspondence between the association and team will go via this person. The PBHA will not recognise any correspondence that is not initiated by the nominated contact person.
- 4.7 All teams that participate in the PBHA competitions must complete team registration via the IMG system. Team registration must be completed by the date set by the CC and ratified by the PBHA. Any team failing to register all its members by the due date will forfeit all competition points from that date until it complies. Additional players may be added after this date, but must be via the IMG system and registered prior to that player participating in a game. Teams may register new players by the date set by the CC and ratified by the PBHA
- 4.8 If a player is transferring from another association, clearance from the previous association must be obtained on the official Hockey New Zealand Inter Association Transfer form before the registration will be accepted. No player will take the field in a PBHA fixture until the transfer form has been completed and the PBHA have approved the transfer. Note this does not apply to Day Registrations. Please refer to the dates in rule 4.7
- 4.9 If a player is transferring to another club within the PBHA then notification must be forwarded to the PBHA from the transferred club that the player was financial to that club and eligible to play for another club. No player may play for another club until the notification has been received by the CC and the transfer approved – failure to comply will result in loss of points until transfer has been approved. This process must be completed by the club delegate before the PBHA can release them. Please refer to the dates in rule 4.7
- 4.10 Teams found to be fielding players that are not correctly registered, including non-approved transfers, will be deemed to have defaulted the game concerned.
- 4.11 Teams wishing to register Secondary School Students must obtain a signed written release from their secondary school principal AND Parent/Caregiver AND Club Contact.
- 4.11.1 The release must be handed to PBH staff PRIOR to the player taking the field.
- 4.12 Clubs with multiple teams can play players up only.

4.12.1 A player can only play one game in a single scheduled week of games.

4.12.2 A player can play up two (2) times during a single season. Players must be identified clearly on the Game Card with a * (Asterix). Players must be registered to the higher ranked team before playing a third time.

4.12.3 Clubs must rank their teams when they enter the competition.

5 Competition Format

5.1 The competition format will be determined by the CC as required, and as dictated by team entries.

5.2 All technical aspects of the game will be governed by the FIH Rules of Hockey. The CC will recommend the adoption (or not) of new/experimental rules for the playing season to be ratified by the PBHA.

5.3 Competition points shall be as follows:

- 3 points for a win/defaulted games
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss

5.4 Competition games shall be as per the recommended length of the CC with a 5 minute half time break – to be ratified by the PBHA.

5.5 Each team shall complete the same team scorecard and hand it to the umpire prior to the commencement of the match.

5.5.1 Cards shall be legibly filled out with Date, Team name as well as player details

5.5.2 Players shall be identified on the card by the full name registered through IMG.

5.5.3 Any player who is not on the card at the start of the match can not take the field until their names are added to the game card. This cannot happen until the first quarter break or half time break. After this time no additional players can be added to the card. No names can be removed from the card once the game has commenced..

5.5.4 Day registration forms must be completed prior to the game starting and accompany the game card – day registration players must be identified with a “D”

5.5.5 Floating players must be identified with an “F”

5.5.6 The card must be signed by both captains AND both umpires.

5.6 At the completion of the game it is the winning captain’s responsibility to ensure the card is signed and placed in the required place

5.7 Any team wishing to register a protest against a day registration shall mark the game card “game under protest” PRIOR to the game starting.

Protests for actions taken during a game must be noted at the end of the game taking place. Both team captains and both umpires must view ‘game under protest’ prior to signing. . (Protests regarding umpires decisions will not be heard, protests of a technical or procedural nature can be heard).

5.7.1 The fee for protesting shall be \$ 150.00. The fee and a letter or email of protest from the club contact shall be forwarded to the association secretary within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

5.7.2 If a protest is successful the protest fee shall be refunded to protesting team.

5.8 Failure to abide by any of the above rules in section 5 will result in the game concerned being awarded as a 3 – 0 win to the opposing team and the offending team will have 3 points deducted.

6 Default or Deferral of Matches

6.1 Matches may only be deferred on the approval of the CC

Examples that will be considered include but are not restricted to Tangi affecting a majority of a team, major medical situations, rep team commitments for a majority of a team.

6.2 Deferred game times will be set by the CC. There will be no consultation with teams and only dates stated on the registration form will be considered when setting the new dates.

6.3 A default occurs when one team is unable to field the minimum number of participants for a fixture.

6.4 A team shall have at least 7 players on the field within 5 minutes of the start time set down for the match, otherwise the team loses the match by default.

6.5 Defaulting teams shall notify the PBHA secretary no less than 48 hours before the date and time of the scheduled fixture. Teams who default a game will be deemed to have lost the game and the opposing team shall be awarded 3 competition points and a score line of 3 – 0.

6.6 Any team who defaults a game without notification will be deemed to have lost the game and the opposing team shall be awarded 3 competition points and a score line of 3 – 0. The defaulting team will be required to pay a fine of no less than the relevant turf fee (fee based on both teams).

6.7 Any team defaulting two matches in succession, or three at intervals, may at the discretion of the PBHA, as recommended by the CC, be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.

6.8 Finals matches cannot be defaulted or deferred. If a team for any reason cannot fulfil its commitment of playing in the finals games they must default at the semi-finals stage.

6.9 If any team defaults any semi final game then that team will not be eligible to play in the final.

6.10 If the umpires have not turned up after 5 minutes for the scheduled game start then the managers of the teams need to find umpires to referee the game. The game card needs to be noted that umpire(s) have not shown up and fines as set by the PBHA will be levied.

6.10.1 Note that no games are to take place with only one umpire. If two umpires can not be found the game will be deferred. The costs of the turf hire will be charged to the team (s) that do not show for the umpiring duty. This is as well as the appropriate umpire fine that is set annually by the PBHA and ratified at the AGM.

7 Competition Placings

7.1 Placings will be decided by the following sequentially:

- The team with the greatest number of points
- The team with the greater number of wins

- The team with the better goal difference
- Goals for
- Goals against
- Who beat who
- Toss of a coin with the team listed first on the draw in the last match played against each other calling

7.2 The format for Semis and Finals resulting a draw will be decided by the CC and ratified by the PBHA by the final date for registration through IMG as per rule 4.7 and ratified by the PBHA.

8 Card and Penalty Point System

8.1 The umpire during the match may issue any player with a green, yellow or red card.

8.1.1 A green card is deemed to be a warning and will result in a suspension of two minutes.

8.1.1.1 The time of green card suspension is to be kept by the umpire or PBHA official set prior to the match commencing – time does not start until the player has left the field and is in the designated penalty area.

8.1.2 A yellow card is deemed to result in a suspension of no less than 5 minutes.

8.1.2.1 The time of a yellow card suspension shall be kept by the umpire who gave the card.

8.1.3 A red card will result in the player taking no further part in the game and having a hearing before the judiciary committee.

8.2 The card penalty point system operate whether cards are presented or issued verbally.

8.3 Each card will carry the following penalty points

- Green card 1 point
- Yellow card 3-6 points at umpire's discretion
- Red card 12 points

8.3.1 Where points accumulate to a total of 12 points there is an automatic stand down of one competition game.

8.3.1.1 In the instance where the player due to stand down plays in more than one competition the player shall stand down for the competition game where the most points were accumulated, If this is an equal number a coin will be tossed to decide which game shall be stood down.

8.3.1.2 A player who reaches 12 points will hold 6 points against their name following their stand down period. These points will remain against the player's name until the end of the calendar year.

8.4 All players are required to identify themselves by name when requested by an umpire. Refusal to do so will result in the issue of a red card, unless the Captain identifies the player by name. Where neither the player, captain, team management nor club is prepared to

identify the player issued with a card within 48 hours of being requested to do so by the PBHA that team shall be suspended until further notice.

- 8.5 Any umpire is also required to comply with any reasonable request to identify themselves to any player, coach or team manager.
- 8.6 Penalty points allocated to individual players shall remain for the balance of the season, after that date penalty points are automatically removed.
- 8.7 Suspensions issued via the Judicial Committee remain in force until the next season.

9 Judicial Committee

10.1 Please refer to the PBHA Constitution for Judicial matters and process

10 Uniforms

- 10.1 Each team shall wear shirts, shorts, skirts or dresses and socks in the colour nominated by the team from previous season
- 10.2 Prior approval from the PBHA is required before a "strip" colour is changed
- 10.3 Goalkeepers shall wear a different colour to that of their own team and the opposition.
- 10.4 All shirts shall be numbered (existing strips that do not cater for this can still be worn but when replacing these need to be numbered)
- 10.5 Teams shall have access to either a set of bibs or an alternate strip where in the umpire's opinion it is too difficult to tell the teams apart. The team on the left hand side of the draw will wear bibs or an alternate strip.

11 Health and Safety Requirements

- 11.1 All teams shall be responsible for their own first aid requirements.
- 11.2 Any player who is bleeding shall leave the field as soon as possible via the quickest exit from the field of play, and shall not return until the bleeding has stopped or been adequately covered. Blood stained clothing or equipment must be cleaned or replaced before returning to the field.
- 11.3 The Hockey New Zealand Head Injury Policy shall apply.
- 11.3.1 Umpires are to note on the game card any serious head injuries using an (H). The PBHA will inform the Club Delegate of any noted head injuries. Players will need to supply a medical certificate to be eligible to play any further games in the PBHA. The medical certificate is required for the player to return to trainings.
- 11.4 It is recommended that all players wear both mouth guards and shin pads.

12 Code of Conduct

12.1 The PBHA Code of Conduct shall apply to players, supporters and officials.

13 General

13.1 PBHA shall have the power to deal with all matters not provided for in these rules which may arise out of any contest played under these rules.

