



# Local Competition 11 Aside Rules

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### **PREAMBLE**

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

All matches shall be under the control of HW, whose playing headquarters are at The Trust House Hockey Wairarapa Complex, Chester Road, Clareville.

All matches are controlled from rules of the following:

- New Zealand Federation Handbook.
- New Zealand Umpires Handbook.
- Wairarapa Association Rules.
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All enquires to HW are to be directed through the respective club secretary / team contact. Any formal requests are to be submitted in writing to the HW Executive Officer (Executive Officer).

## **GENERAL**

**1.0** The HW Trust House Hockey Complex is a smoke free area, No smoking within the perimeter fence is permitted.

**1.1** No alcohol is permitted except on the upper floor of the pavilion and the outside verandas.

**1.2** Vehicle parking is at the owners risk and HW accepts no liability for any damage or loss that may occur.

**1.3** No scooters, bikes, roller skates/blades or skateboards are permitted within the perimeter fence.

**1.4** No dogs are permitted within the perimeter fence.

**1.5** Hockey balls do on occasion travel beyond the turf and perimeter fences and pose a significant risk. Keep your eye on the ball.

**1.6** While every effort is made to ensure player and spectator safety, individuals must take due care to ensure their own safety and that of others.

## **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

**2.0** Team registration sheets to be received by the Executive Officer by the 2<sup>nd</sup> playing game Round, unless the HW Management Committee (Management Committee) specifies another date.

**2.1** Additional players may be added, but must be in writing and received by the Executive Officer prior to that player participating in a game. Teams may register new players up to 4 playing weeks prior to semi finals.

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

**2.3** No player shall be registered for more than one club or school and no player shall play for a team other than the one they are registered for, except in the following situations;

### ***2.4 DUAL REGISTRATION;***

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

Any primary player wishing to play for more than one school / team must request approval from the Executive Officer. This must be received in writing stating the reason for such a request. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis. Goalkeepers asking for dispensation to play in more than one grade will not be allowed to play for a second team that is more than one grade beneath their first team. In cases where a team may be short of players a higher graded goalkeeper may be used only as an outfield player.

**2.5** Playing of non-registered players will result in the loss of any points gained from that match by the offending team. The non offending team will not be awarded these points.

**2.6** Clubs with more than one registered team may play a lower graded player in a higher graded team. On the third game this player will be deemed registered in the higher graded team and will require a regrade to return to the lower graded team. Any regrade application must be in writing to the Executive Officer. If a team is short of players a selection of players from their lower graded team can be used for up to two games each without the necessity for a regrade. All regrade requests will be considered on a case by case basis however no regrade request will be granted within 4 weeks of the semi finals of a competition.

**2.7 Clubs & Schools** with two or more teams in the same grade and who do not have any lower graded teams, may apply (in writing) to register two players who shall be eligible for either team to play when the team is short. Any application will be considered by the Executive officer who will decide on the floating player's eligibility, and to ensure that clubs do not abuse this privilege. **Clubs / Schools that have team(s) in lower grades must always use a player from their lower graded teams and not from a team in the same or higher grade. This rule applies to all Men's, Women's, College and Intermediate Grades.**

**2.8** A player may only have one re-grade in any one season. A player who has had a regrade in a season will not be eligible to be a floating player within that same season.

**2.9 Premier Grade Teams:** Three floating players are able to float from B to A teams (with the above conditions). Names are to be noted on registration forms and given to the executive officer for approval.

**2.10** No team shall play any player under suspension by the judicial committee.

**2.11** A 1<sup>st</sup> X1 secondary school player who also plays for a club premier team is to be graded at the higher level (Premier) and on leaving school and will require a regrade to play at a lower level.

**2.12** All College / Club players must apply for regrades if they are playing in a lower grade than the previous season.

***Representative Player Eligibility:***

**2.13** Any player playing for a representative team must be registered with a club/school team within the region and must make themselves available for the Wairarapa first before being eligible to play rep. hockey outside of the region.

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

***Intermediate and Primary Players***

**2.15** No player Year 8 or below is eligible to play for any senior men's, women's or representative team other than their respective age group level. Intermediate players at colleges who cannot field intermediate teams may request dispensation from the WHA to play in their college team.

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

**2.17** All teams that participate in the Hockey Wairarapa Local Competition or in the Wairarapa / Wellington competitions must complete team registration forms. This includes all Men's, Women's, College and all Primary Teams.

**2.18** Grades will be structured in the following order; Premier Men /Women (Wellington Comp), Premier College (Wellington Comp), Mens / Womens1, Mens 2 / Womens 2, Mens / Womens 3, Boys / Girls College, Senior Midweek.

**2.19** The Senior Midweek competition allows greater latitude in team make up.  
Restrictions are ,  
No more than two players per team from any premier competition team  
No players year 8 or under (notwithstanding rule 1.15)  
Players can only be registered for one team in the same compition grade  
All other rules apply as written

## **COMPETITIONS**

**3.0** National and Regional Tournaments - played under the rules of New Zealand Hockey Federation Tournament Rules.

**3.1** Rules of Play - refer FIH Umpires handbook

**3.2** Local Competitions - to be played under the rules of the Wairarapa Hockey Association, using New Zealand Federation Tournament Rules.

**3.3** Local Competitions - format to be decided by management committee prior to the start of each season.

**3.4** Grade 1 Competition Games will be played on Saturday/Sunday and where applicable on statutory holidays. HW reserves the right to play these games mid-week should representative fixtures make it necessary.

### **3.5 Game Points:**

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = point
- Defaulted Game; winner to receive win points and 4-0 result.
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## **TEAM CARDS**

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

**4.1** There is to be no more than sixteen players entered on the team card.

**4.2** Player's tops to be numbered as per team card.

**4.3** Completed team cards may be left in box provided at turf venue within 4 days of completion of a game.

**4.4** Team cards not received by the executive officer will incur loss of any points received from that game.

**4.5** Umpires are to ensure that all results are accurately recorded on each team card.

## **DEFAULTS, POSTPONEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS & PROTESTS**

**5.0** Teams requiring a game change (date, venue, time) may apply in writing to the Executive Officer, any application to have been received 21 days prior to fixture concerned.

**5.1** Details of Primary Saturday morning cancellations will be left on the WHA office answer machine from 7.00am. Senior cancellations / postponements will be left for the umpires of each game to decide. If a HW representative is in a position to make this call prior to the start of a game because the turf is unplayable then this will be done and teams notified. Every effort will be made to reschedule senior games. Primary games will only be rescheduled if circumstances permit.

**5.2** Any team or club that is unable to fulfill any engagement in grade or championship matches will lose their match by default, unless game deferment has been sanctioned by the executive officer.

**5.3** Any team or club that is unable to fulfill any engagement in grade or championship matches shall notify the executive officer at least thirty - six hours before the game, failure to do so will result in all turf fees payable for that match being the responsibility of that team or club.

**5.4** Any team may apply in writing to the executive officer for a game deferral if, 4 or more players are involved with coaching, playing or administrative duties of WHA or on a school exchange. Applications must be received 4 weeks before the game is scheduled to be played.

**5.5** Any protests must be in writing and lodged with the Executive Officer within twenty-four hours of the completion of the match from which the protest arose.

## **TEAM UNIFORMS**

**6.0** Players other than goalie to be dressed uniformly in registered colours, with numbers on each shirt not smaller than 20 cm in height.

**6.1** Goalkeepers to wear a different colour than either team. Goalkeepers are required to wear their shirt or other garments over body protectors. They must wear protective headgear at all times including facial visor, the exception being during the taking of a penalty stroke, when head gear may be removed should the goalie be the stroke taker.

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

**6.3** Team or teams having similar colours may be required by WHA to provide an alternative strip.

## **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

**7.0** The Judicial committee shall be a sub committee of the HW Management Committee convened as required.

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

**7.2** Any player receiving three (3) yellow cards in the one season constitutes an automatic two (2) game suspension

**7.3.** Any player having received a permanent suspension (red card) or a fourth yellow card in the same season will appear before the Judicial Committee.

**7.4** The Judicial Committee must sit within five days following a reported incident.

**7.5** Any player with a judicial hearing pending cannot play in any hockey match until after he/she has appeared before the judicial committee and an outcome has been determined.

**7.6** Any umpire showing a red card to a player must inform the executive officer within twenty four hours of the offence and provide a written report within 48 hours. The executive officer will then convene the judicial committee.

**7.7** Umpires written reports will be reviewed by the judicial committee prior to the hearing. The committee will then request meetings with the players concerned and the umpires if deemed necessary.

**7.8** Any player appearing before the judicial committee may take a support person with them.

**7.9** Any Judicial Committee decision must be notified to management committee within twenty- four hours of the hearing. HW will then notify player's club and the club will then notify player concerned.

**7.10** The Judicial has the right to impose whatever penalty it sees fit and this decision must be minuted at the next Management Committee Meeting.

**7.11** A Player has right of appeal in writing within forty-eight hours of a decision being made.

## **TURF**

**8.0** All players must wear regulation footwear that must be free from dirt before entering the turf.

**8.1** No food, drink (except water), soiled footwear or spitting on the turf.

**8.2** No persons other than playing teams, and umpires allowed on the turf whilst the game is in progress.

**8.3** Only players, coaches and team management may be in the dugout during a game.

**8.4** All players shall enter and exit the turf via the player's entrance at the dugouts.

**8.5** Teams to vacate turf / dugout area immediately following their game in order to allow the next game to proceed.

**8.6** Any player showing blood must immediately leave the turf in order to cover the wound.

**8.7** Any person found willfully damaging the turf or associated equipment will be liable for all cost relating to repair of the damage in addition to any other penalty the HW may impose.

**8.8** Sharp objects to be removed or taped e.g. rings, bracelets, goalies buckles.

## **FEES**

**9.0** Turf fees will be payable in full, by date set by HW.

**9.1** Clubs having unpaid fees will not be allowed to participate in any competition until the debt is cleared or arrangements made for payment of outstanding fees.

**9.2** . Players that are unfinancial will be ineligible for selection in representative teams. (It will be up to the clubs to inform HW of members that are not financial)