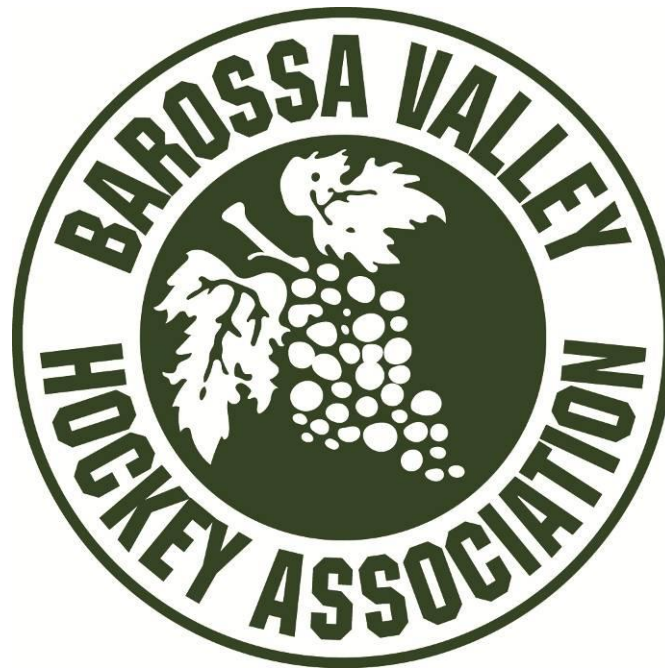


# **Barossa Valley Hockey Association**

## **Competition By-Laws**

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# BVHA Competition By-Laws

## Part 1 – Preliminary

### 1. Commencement

- 1.1 These By-Laws commence on 11 March 2022
- 1.2 These By-Laws replace all By-Laws previously made about the matters covered by these By-Laws.
- 1.3 All penalties handed down under previous By-Laws will continue to apply and be recognised by the BVHA.

### 2. Definitions

The following definitions apply in these By-Laws:

- 2.1 **Business Day** means any day except a Saturday or a Sunday or any other public holiday in South Australia.
- 2.2 **BVHA** means the Barossa Valley Hockey Association.
- 2.3 **Board** means the BVHA Board established under the BVHA Constitution
- 2.4 **Bye** means a programmed bye in the fixtures.
- 2.5 **Club** means any club affiliated with the BVHA and participating in any BVHA competition
- 2.6 **Constitution** means the BVHA constitution.
- 2.7 **Dual Registered Player** means a player who is actively registered in at least one other hockey association in addition to the BVHA in the current season, whether or not any required paperwork has been completed.
- 2.8 **FIH** means the International Hockey Federation.
- 2.9 **Fixture** means the schedule of matches detailing the times and venues published to ORS.
- 2.10 **ORS** means the online recording system used by the BVHA to record information including registrations, match fixture and results.
- 2.11 **Rules of Hockey** means the official FIH Rules of Hockey
- 2.12 **Schedule** means the BVHA Schedule of Fees and Fines

### 3. Interpretation

When any circumstances arise for which no provision is made by these By-Laws or there arises reasonable doubt as to the interpretation of the By-Laws or procedure to be adopted the Board, having regard to the By-Laws, will direct what shall be done.

### 4. Application of these By-Laws

These By-Laws are binding on all members of the BVHA participating in the BVHA competitions and should be read in conjunction with the BVHA Constitution and Regulations.

## 5. **Delegation**

The Board may delegate, in writing, any of its powers in relation to these By-Laws to such other persons or groups of persons as it sees fit.

## **Part 2—The BVHA Competitions**

### 6. **Senior Competition**

#### **Establishment**

6.1 There will be separate senior competitions for female and male players. These competitions will be single gender competitions.

#### **Senior competition grades**

6.2 The Senior Competitions may be conducted in grades.

6.3 If there is more than one senior grade the highest grade will be called A Grade, the second highest B Grade etc.

6.4 If a Club has more than one team in a grade, the Club's teams must be distinguished by a colour label. (eg Green, Red, White).

### 7. **Junior Competition**

#### **Establishment**

7.1 The BVHA will have a Junior Competition.

#### **Junior competition grades**

7.2 The junior competition will be conducted in age restricted grades. These grades will be determined annually by the Board taking into consideration matters including (but not limited to) available player numbers, club requests, player development.

7.3 The junior competition will include modified rules junior grades.

7.4 The junior grades and any modified rules for the current year are in Appendix A of these By-Laws.

7.5 If a Club has more than one team in a grade, the Club's teams must be distinguished by a colour label. (eg Green, Red, White).

#### **Proof of Age**

7.6 Clubs must produce sufficient proof of age of any player taking part in the junior competition and modified rules junior competition if requested by the Board.

#### **Age dispensations**

7.7 Clubs wishing to field players who do not meet the age requirements may seek a playing permit under by-law 28.

7.8 Players granted a permit under by-law 7.7 are not eligible to play in a higher age grade while such a permit remains in place.

### 8. **Other Competitions and Programs**

8.1 The BVHA may have other competitions and programs (eg Masters, Summer, Hook in2 Hockey)

8.2 The format of any other competitions and programs will be determined annually by the Board and may consist of male, female, junior or mixed divisions.

8.3 Any rules of any other competitions and programs will be determined annually by the Board.

## 9. Team Entry

9.1 Any Club may apply to enter a team or teams in a competition. Applications must be made using the form prescribed by the BVHA, include all information the BVHA requests and be submitted before the date prescribed by the BVHA for that purpose.

9.2 Clubs are permitted to apply to the BVHA Board to form an alliance with another Club to enter a joint team into a grade. In the application the Clubs should outline which Club will be the primary club of registration responsible for player registration, financial matters and disciplinary matters.

9.3 The Board may accept or refuse an application under by-law 9 in its discretion.

9.4 Clubs may nominate a team or teams in any competition grade they wish, however the BVHA Board may place a team in whatever grade it considers necessary or appropriate, having regard to matters including (without limit) the number of teams in each grade and the viability of competitions, Clubs, and the BVHA.

### Late Team Entry

9.5 The Board may permit the late nomination of a team into a competition at its discretion.

## 10. Team Withdrawal

10.1 A Club may withdraw a team from a competition by written notice to the BVHA Registrar at any time. After the start of a competition the team to be withdrawn should be the club's lowest ranked team unless otherwise agreed to by the BVHA Board.

### Consequences of withdrawal

10.2 Subject to by-law 10.5, if a Club withdraws a team under by-law 10.1 after the closing date for nominations that Club may incur a fine as published in the Schedule.

10.3 If a Club withdraws a team after the third competition week of the season it will not be entitled to a refund of any money due or paid to the BVHA.

10.4 If a Club withdraws a team after the start of competition the BVHA Registrar will make a decision on the points awarded for matches already played by the withdrawn team.

### Exemption for modified rules teams

10.5 By-law 10.2 does not apply to a Club's withdrawal of a team in any modified rules junior grade provided notice of the withdrawal is given prior to the third competition week of the season.

## Part 3—Registration

### 11. Players

#### Annual registration

11.1 No player shall take part in any competition match for a Club unless and until he/she is a registered player with that Club in that year.

- 11.2 A Club cannot register any new player for competition matches programmed on or after 16 July without a permit.

#### **Registration with more than one Club**

- 11.3 A player may be registered with more than one Club for the purpose of playing in different competitions (ie junior competition for one club and senior competition for another), provided they are not playing with each Club in the same competition.
- 11.4 A Club may apply for a permit under by-law 28 to enable a registered junior player from another club to play for their club in the lowest age grade for which the player is eligible where the player's club does not have a team in that grade.

#### **Registration**

- 11.5 All players must be registered with a Club using the process prescribed by the BVHA and include all information the BVHA requests.

#### **Clearances**

- 11.6 Subject to By-Laws 11.3 and 11.4 a player that is registered with a Club, or has been registered with a Club at any time in the previous four years (**Current Club**), must obtain a clearance before being registered or playing with another Club (**New Club**) including playing as a Dual Registered player.

#### **Clearance process**

- 11.7 The New Club must apply for a clearance under by-law 11.6 using the process prescribed by the BVHA for that purpose.

#### **Granting or refusing an application**

- 11.8 The Current Club must approve the New Club's clearance application under by-law 11.6 unless the relevant player has failed to meet a financial obligation to the Current Club, or is yet to comply with a disciplinary sanction by the Current Club or the BVHA.

#### **Timing and notice of the decision**

- 11.9 The Current Club must grant or refuse an application under by-law 11.6 within five (5) business days of receiving the application, and provide written notice of its decision to the New Club and the BVHA using the process prescribed by the BVHA for that purpose.

#### **Right to appeal**

- 11.10 The New Club may appeal the Current Club or BVHA's refusal of an application under by-law 11.6 by written notice to the BVHA Registrar.

### **12. Coaches, managers and officials**

Non playing coaches, managers and officials must meet the registration requirements prescribed by the BVHA.

## **Part 4—Conduct of Matches**

### **13. Playing Rules**

- 13.1 Subject to by-law 13.2, all matches must be conducted in accordance with:
- 13.1.1 the FIH Rules of Hockey;
  - 13.1.2 directions to Umpires or interpretations as issued by Hockey Australia;



- 13.1.3 experimental rules declared by FIH to be mandatory;
  - 13.1.4 experimental rules adopted by Hockey Australia;
  - 13.1.5 any variations or other rules adopted by the BVHA and published in Appendix A of these By-Laws.
- 13.2 These Rules will be published on the BVHA website whenever they are updated, and a copy sent to all participating clubs and the Director of Umpires.
- 13.3 The Board reserves the right to amend the playing rules in by-law 13.1 at any time.
- 14. Team composition - minimum number of players**
- 14.1 No team shall take part in a competition match with less than seven (7) players at the commencement of the match.
- 14.2 A team that does not field the minimum number of players under by-law 14.1 within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the match will forfeit the match and by-law 22.4 will apply.
- Note: If a team has 7 players present, they MUST take the field. They cannot wait for others to arrive.
- 15. Team benches**
- Only substitute players and team officials (limited to team manager, coach and assistant coach) are permitted on the team bench during a game.
- Notes in relation to team benches***
- Substitute players must stay in the team bench area except that (a) they may move to the centre line when ready to perform a substitution, or (b) to warm up in the area between their team bench and the back line. Substitutions must be performed as quickly as possible.*
- Team coaches may leave the team bench area to coach but must stay in the vicinity of their bench area and may not enter the field of play unless directed by the umpire.*
- Team managers must stay in the team bench area except that they may leave the team bench to deliver a drink to any suspended players or to attend to injuries when directed by the umpires.*
- Everyone on the sideline must stay well clear of the umpires. All team equipment (sticks, balls, coaching aids etc) must be well clear of the pitch sidelines.*
- 16. Playing as scheduled**
- Except with the permission of the Board all competition matches must be played on the day and at the time and venue as set out in the fixture. Any teams not playing in accord therewith shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and by-law 22.4 will apply.
- 17. When a match may be delayed or temporarily halted**
- 17.1 The start time of a match may be delayed, or play may be temporarily halted during a match if, in the opinion of the umpires in control of the match, the condition of the grounds, weather conditions, equipment failure or other circumstances would make it unsafe or impractical to start or continue the match.
- 17.2 Subject to By-Law 18.1, if the unsuitable conditions can be rectified or are resolved then play must commence forthwith.

## 18. **Abandonment**

### **When a match must be abandoned**

18.1 A match must be abandoned if at any time there is no prospect of the match being completed on time and there has not been enough minutes played to constitute a match under By-Law 20.4.

### **Consequences of abandonment**

18.2 The result for an abandoned match will be a bye for both teams.

## 19. **Team refusing to continue play**

19.1 If, during a match, a team refuses to continue the game the following will apply:

19.1.1 the team shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and by-law 22.4 will apply;

19.1.2 a report will be prepared by the Registrar under by-law 50 and a Judiciary hearing conducted.

## 20. **Match duration**

### **Time keeping**

20.1 The Umpires have sole responsibility for time keeping of any match.

### **Duration**

20.2 The match durations for each competition will be published in Appendix A of these By-Laws.

### **Consequences of delay or interruption to minor round games**

20.3 Time may be added for delays or interruptions to minor round games but, the match must conclude no later than five (5) minutes before the scheduled start time of the next match to be played on the same field.

20.4 If play is delayed or halted during a minor round game due to injury, or circumstances under By-Law 17, the minimum time played for the match to be considered fully complete is equal to the number of minutes that would normally be played in one half of the game.

Example: if the match usually consists of four 15 minute quarters then there needs to be a minimum of 30 minutes played for the game to be considered complete. If a total of 30 minutes has not been, or cannot be played, then the game will be considered abandoned.

20.5 In the case of a delay or interruption to a minor round game the Umpires have sole responsibility for deciding whether the game will be shortened, abandoned, played as one half only or any other time configuration, taking into consideration the By-Laws.

### **Consequences of delay or interruption to major round games**

20.6 Major round games will be played in full, with time added for delays and interruptions, and adjustments to the start times of following games if necessary.

20.7 For any major round game unable to be completed the Board will make a decision on whether it will be rescheduled, or some other outcome.

## 21. **Injuries**

21.1 If a player becomes injured on the field of play, one of the umpires may stop the match and assess whether the player needs attention.

- 21.1.1 The umpire may authorise the team manager, coach or substitute players from the team bench to enter the field of play to assist and remove the player concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 21.1.2 If unsafe to move the player, the game must be halted.
- 21.2 If any person from the team bench enters the field of play to attend to a player:
  - 21.2.1 that player must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of two minutes.
  - 21.2.2 The two-minute period will be managed by the tech bench on duty
  - 21.2.3 The player required to leave the field of play may be substituted.
- 21.3 Injuries that require, or are likely to require, hospital treatment or treatment by a doctor must be recorded on the match card as per By-Law 23.3.10 and also reported by team managers to the BVHA President within three business days after the match.

## 22. **Forfeits**

### **Prior notice**

- 22.1 A Club that intends to forfeit a match must, before 7pm on the day before the match, provide notice accordingly to:
  - 22.1.1 the secretary of the Club of the opposing team;
  - 22.1.2 the BVHA Registrar;
  - 22.1.3 the BVHA Director of Umpiring
- 22.2 Notice under by-law 22.1 should be by telephone and followed up by written notice.

### **Order of forfeiting teams**

- 22.3 A Club that intends to forfeit a senior grade match must forfeit from its lowest graded team upwards, subject to the discretion of the Board.

### **Consequences of a forfeit**

- 22.4 Unless the Board directs otherwise:
  - 22.4.1 if one team is in forfeit of a match, then a win will be recorded for the opposition team, with a score of 5-0, or, where the margin is greater than 5 goals, the actual score;
  - 22.4.2 if both teams are in forfeit of a match, then a 5-0 loss will be recorded for both teams.
  - 22.4.3 No players from a team forfeiting a match will have Best and Fairest votes recorded for that match against their name.
  - 22.4.4 In addition to any other penalties imposed, a forfeit will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule.

## 23. **Match cards**

### **Distribution**

- 23.1 The BVHA will provide books of triplicate match cards to each Club.

### **Completion**

- 23.2 Clubs must ensure match cards are completed fully and accurately for each competition match (excluding any modified rules junior grade match).

## **Details**

23.3 Match cards must contain the following details:

- 23.3.1 date, time and place of the match;
- 23.3.2 grade and names of the teams competing;
- 23.3.3 full names and playing shirt numbers of all players who participated in the match (names of players who do not take the field should be crossed out before signing);
- 23.3.4 the result of the match;
- 23.3.5 all goal scorers;
- 23.3.6 player roles (goalkeeper, captain, permit player, state substitute);
- 23.3.7 First Quarter Rule players (if any);
- 23.3.8 names and Clubs of umpire(s) who officiated;
- 23.3.9 details of any misconduct cards (Yellow/Red Card) received;
- 23.3.10 details of any injuries occurring that prevented a player continuing in a match.

## **Signature**

23.4 Completed match cards must be signed by the captain/manager of the team, the captain/manager of the opposing team and the Umpire(s) of the match.

## **Abandoned and forfeited matches**

- 23.5 A match card must be completed for each match regardless of the outcome of the match, including abandonment and forfeit.
- 23.6 The reason for a forfeit or abandonment must be recorded on a match card.

## **Conclusive evidence**

23.7 For all purposes a signed match card is conclusive evidence of the facts it records.

## **Retention**

- 23.8 Clubs must complete the original match card for each match and give it to the umpire(s) straight after each match.
- 23.9 Clubs must keep the duplicate match card for each match for at least twelve (12) months.
- 23.10 Clubs must give the triplicate match card for each match to the opposing team straight after each match.

## **24. Online Recording**

### **Match results (scores)**

24.1 The Result (score) of every competition match must be accurately entered into ORS by the Club of the team named first in the Fixture, no later than 11pm on the day following completion of the match.

### **Match details**

24.2 For all competition matches each Club must ensure that all information from their match card is accurately entered into ORS no later than 11pm on the second day following completion of the match.

### **Disputing results and/or details**

- 24.3 A Club that participated in a match may dispute the result and/or details of the match entered into ORS by written notice to the BVHA Registrar by 7pm on the Thursday following completion of the match.
- 24.4 The BVHA Registrar will resolve the dispute by reference to the copies of the match cards, the original match cards or referral to a Judiciary hearing.

### **Team list audits**

- 24.5 The BVHA may, in its discretion, audit all or any team lists, and match details entered in ORS and may require Clubs to explain any irregularities in those team lists and match details.

## **Part 5 — Anti Stacking and Permits**

### **25. Current team**

#### **Definition**

- 25.1 Subject to By-Law 27.2, the Current Team for a player is the team for which they last played in the senior competition in the current season.
- 25.2 Unless they have a permit, a player who has played Premier League in the Hockey SA Metro Competition, or equivalent interstate competition, in the current season or previous season can only play for a team in the highest grade of BVHA senior competition, and the 'current team' rules do not apply. If the player is a junior age player, they may also participate in their eligible junior age competition.

#### **Different roles**

- 25.3 A player may have a Current Team as a field player and a different Current Team as a goalkeeper and the provisions of these By-Laws shall apply to each role separately and independently.

#### **First game**

- 25.4 A player does not have a Current Team for their first game of the year, unless listed on the match card under by-law 25.5.

#### **First round byes**

- 25.5 A team in the senior competition with a bye in the first round of games must provide (on a match card) a team list of 11 players, all of whom are eligible and registered to play in accordance with these By-Laws. This becomes the Current Team for these players.

#### **Finals and the junior competition**

- 25.6 The Current Team concept does not apply to finals or the junior competition.

Note: a junior playing in the senior competition still has a Current Team and these By-Laws apply.

#### **Eligibility to play in a lower grade**

- 25.7 During a season, unless they have a Playing Permit, a player can only play in a grade lower than the grade of their Current Team, if each of the following conditions can be met:

- 25.7.1 the player's Current Team does not have a bye or has not received a forfeit, or if it does, the player has played:
  - (a) the majority of their last 5 matches of the current season in lower grades or
  - (b) if there have been less than 5 matches played for the season, then the majority of their matches in the current season have been played in lower grades.
- 25.7.2 the player's Current Team has not forfeited
- 25.7.3 in matches commencing on or after 16 July, the player has played the majority of their last 5 games of the current season in lower grades.

### **Two Teams from the same Club in the same grade**

- 25.8 If there are two or more teams from the same Club in the same grade, a player may play with one of those teams only except in the following circumstance:
  - 25.8.1 Subject to By-Laws 25.7 and 26.3 if there are two or more teams from the same Club in the lowest senior grade, a junior player may play with either of those teams in the minor round.
  - 25.8.2 Subject to By-Laws 26.1 if there are two or more teams from the same Club in a junior grade, a junior player from a younger age grade may play with either of those teams in the minor round.
  - 25.8.3 Subject to By-Law 25.3 the player plays exclusively as a goalkeeper in one team and exclusively as a field player in the other. *Note: under this By-Law the player cannot under any circumstance play as GK in their 'field player' team and vice versa for the remainder of the current season.*

## **26. Playing more than one match in a round**

### **Juniors playing in more than one grade**

- 26.1 A junior graded player may play in more than one junior grade match in the same round provided that the matches played are in different age groups.
- 26.2 Subject to by-law 26.3 a junior graded player may also play in the senior competition in the same round.

### **Limit**

- 26.3 A player must not play more than one (1) match in the senior competition in any round of matches, whether in the same or different grades, unless one or more of the following apply:
  - 26.3.1 one match is played exclusively as a goalkeeper and another match is played exclusively as a field player;
  - 26.3.2 the second match is played under by-law 27 (First Quarter Rule);
  - 26.3.3 the player acts as a substitute for a State Representative Player, in the State Representative Player's current team (which must be higher than the substitute's team) if the State Representative Player is absent due to participating in, or travelling directly to or from, an official Hockey Australia endorsed championship with that team.

*Note: State Representative Player means a participant as a player, coach or umpire at U15, U16 Schoolboys/girls, U18, U21, AHL or Country Championships.*

- 26.3.4 a permit has been issued to the player to play a second match in one round of matches;

#### **Effect on number of matches played**

- 26.4 The number of matches played for the purpose of finals eligibility will count independently for each role if playing two matches under by-law 26.3.1
- 26.5 Only the game played in the player's Current Team will be counted towards finals eligibility for players playing under by-laws 27.3.2, 27.3.3 and 27.3.4

#### **Effect on Current Team**

- 26.6 The player's Current Team will:
- 26.6.1 be determined independently for each role for by-law 26.3.1;
  - 26.6.2 be unchanged if playing under the provision of the First Quarter Rule;
  - 26.6.3 be unchanged if playing as a substitute for a State Representative Player;
  - 26.6.4 be unchanged if playing with a permit under by-law 27.3.4.

### **27. The First Quarter Rule (previously 20 minute rule)**

#### **Eligibility**

- 27.1 A player may be named as a First Quarter Rule player in any team of their Club ranked above their Current Team.
- 27.2 If the player's Current Team has a bye or no programmed matches for a round or received a forfeit the player may be named as a First Quarter Rule player as per by-law 27.1 and their Current Team will remain the lower grade team.

#### **Number of First Quarter players**

- 27.3 The number of players for which the First Quarter Rule may be applied in a particular match is two (2).

#### **Identification and recording on match card**

- 27.4 Potential First Quarter Rule players must be identified to the opposition captain and the umpires before the start of a match.
- 27.5 First Quarter Rule players must be clearly recorded on the match card.

#### **Elapsed Time**

- 27.6 First Quarter Rule players must not enter the field of play during the first quarter of the match.
- 27.7 The umpires will be the sole arbiters as to whether the requirements of by-law 27.6 have been met.

#### **Finals Matches**

- 27.8 The use of the First Quarter Rule is allowed in finals matches. However, no player may play under the First Quarter Rule in finals if they have played more higher grade games than lower grade games during the season, regardless of their Current Team.

### **28. Permits**

#### **Permits Committee**

- 28.1 The Board will form a Permits Committee, consisting of three BVHA members, prior to the commencement of each competition season. If any of the Permits

Committee has a conflict of interest in a permit request the Board will co-opt another member to the Permits Committee for that decision.

### **Purpose**

28.2 A Club may apply to the BVHA Permits Committee for a Playing Permit to allow a player who is otherwise ineligible to play in a particular game.

### **Application procedure**

28.3 A Club must apply to the BVHA Permits Committee for a Playing Permit using the process prescribed by the BVHA for that purpose, no later than 3pm on the day before the match is to be played.

28.4 The BVHA Permits Committee will decide eligibility by majority vote and advise the Registrar of such decisions. The Permits Committee will consider:

- (a) whether an unfair advantage will be gained by granting the permit;
- (b) whether there were exceptional circumstances that could not reasonably have been managed by the club;
- (c) if warranted, the input of applicable opposition clubs.

### **Validity**

28.5 A Playing Permit is only valid for the player and the match/es and team for which it was granted.

28.6 The Permits Committee may make a permit conditional and it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure these conditions are met.

### **Notes in relation to permits**

*These notes are for guidance only and do not form part of the By-Laws.*

*Requests for permits will be required to show proper cause in respect to their request and must clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be gained.*

*Permits will only be issued in exceptional circumstances. The following examples do not constitute exceptional circumstances:*

1. *Poor list management by the club*
2. *Clash with a metro competition match*
3. *Player vacations or work commitments*

*The permits committee has the option to grant an exemption to the normal qualifying rules for finals where exceptional circumstances exist. Absence due to state representation will be considered.*

*Permit decisions to allow a junior to play in a lower grade will only be based on exceptional circumstances such as the player having a disability, OR the physical size and skill level of the player (substantiated by evidence) OR the player's birth date is within the month preceding 1st January of the current year OR the player's club does not have a team in the age group the player would be eligible for.*

## **29. Playing an ineligible player**

Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered, uncleared, overage or otherwise ineligible player in any competition match will be deemed to have forfeited that match and by-law 22.4 will apply.



## Part 6—The Minor Round

### 30. Fixture

#### Senior draw

Each team in a competition will play each other team in at least two rounds of matches, subject to the discretion of the Board.

### 31. Premiership points

#### Allocation

Premiership points allocated for matches played in the minor round are three (3) premiership points for a win; one (1) premiership point for a draw; and no premiership points for a loss (including a forfeit).

## Part 7—Finals

### 32. Team eligibility

#### Unequal number of matches

32.1 Where teams in any grade have played an unequal number of matches, premiership points shall be averaged to determine positions in that grade.

#### Ranking at the end of the minor round

32.2 Should any teams have equal premiership points at the end of the minor round their final position at the end of the minor round will be determined as follows:

- 32.2.1 The team with the highest goal difference (goals for minus goals against) shall be ranked highest.
- 32.2.2 If the goal difference is equal, the team with the greater number of goals for shall be deemed the higher placed team.
- 32.2.3 If the greater number of goals is equal, the aggregate of the goals in the minor round matches between these teams shall be used to determine the higher placed team.
- 32.2.4 If the teams are still equal, a penalty shoot-out competition in accordance with by-law 37.1 must be conducted as soon as possible to determine the higher placed team.

### 33. Finals sequence

33.1 The major round fixture will be determined by the number of teams in a grade, subject to the discretion of the Board.

#### Fewer than 5 teams

33.2 The first three teams at the completion of the minor round will participate in Finals in the following sequence:

- 33.2.1 Preliminary Final: 2nd v 3rd
- 33.2.2 Grand Final: Minor Premiers v Winner Preliminary Final

### **5 teams or more**

33.3 The first four teams at the completion of the minor round will participate in Finals in the following sequence:

33.3.1 Elimination Final: 3rd v 4th

33.3.2 Qualification Final: 1st v 2nd

33.3.3 Preliminary Final: Loser Qualification Final v Winner Elimination Final

33.3.4 Grand Final: Winner Qualification Final v Winner Preliminary Final

## **34. Player Eligibility**

### **Minimum games**

34.1 A player will only be qualified to play finals for a team in a grade if they have played at least the following number of minor round matches (whichever is lower):

34.1.1 Junior Competition team: at least five minor round matches or at least one-third of the total scheduled matches (excluding byes and forfeits received) in that junior grade team;

34.1.2 Senior Competition team – dual registered players: at least nine minor round matches, or one-half (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the total scheduled matches (excluding byes and forfeits received) in any grade of the Senior Competition;

34.1.3 Senior Competition team – non dual registered players: at least five minor round matches or at least one-third of the total scheduled matches (excluding byes and forfeits received) in any grade of the Senior Competition;

### **Majority of games - Senior Competition**

34.2 Subject to by-law 34.1.2 where there is more than one grade in the senior competition a player (including a junior qualified player) is qualified for the senior grade in which they played the majority of their minor round senior competition matches.

### **Eligibility to play in grade(s) above**

34.3 Subject to by-law 34.4 a player who qualifies for finals is eligible to play in the grade qualified and any higher grade above the grade for which the player has qualified.

34.4 Where a Club has two or more teams in a grade a qualified junior player from a lower grade is qualified for finals in the team that they have played the majority of their minor round matches for.

### **Eligibility to play in the grade immediately below**

34.5 Subject to By-Laws 34.6 if the senior competition team for which a player has qualified has reached finals, the player is also eligible to play throughout the finals in the grade immediately below that for which they qualified.

34.6 Players may only move downwards between two senior competition finals teams for which they are eligible during weeks in which both teams participate.

## **35. More than One Game**

35.1 A player must not play more than one senior competition match in each finals round, unless:

- 35.1.1 they are a First Quarter Rule player under by-law 27, or
- 35.1.2 one match is played exclusively as a goalkeeper, another match is played exclusively as a field player, and the qualification criteria under by-Law 34 have been met for both roles.

## 36. **Drawn finals matches**

### **Determination of drawn matches**

36.1 If a finals match is drawn, the winner of the match shall be determined as follows:

#### **Extra time - senior competition**

- 36.1.1 After a 5-minute rest the Umpires must toss a coin with the captains and the winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to restart the match. The extension will consist of two periods of 7½ minutes each in between which teams shall change ends, without a rest period.

#### **Extra time - junior competition**

- 36.1.2 After a 5-minute rest the Umpires must toss a coin with the captains and the winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to restart the match. The extension will consist of two periods of 5 minutes each in between which teams shall change ends, without a rest period.

#### **Winner**

- 36.1.3 If a team is awarded a goal before the end of extra time it will be the winner of the match and extra time will end.

#### **Drawn Finals match, except the Grand Final**

- 36.1.4 Except in the grand final, if the result is drawn after extra time the team that held the higher position at the end of the minor round will be the winner of the match.

#### **Drawn Grand Final match**

- 36.1.5 Subject to any local rules in Appendix A of these By-Laws, if a grand final is drawn after extra time the winner will be determined by a penalty stroke competition under by-law 37.1

## 37. **Conduct of penalty shoot out competition**

37.1 A penalty shoot-out competition will be conducted according to the following procedure:

#### **Captain to nominate players and sequence**

- 37.1.1 Each team Captain must nominate five players to take and one player to defend the penalty shoot-outs, and advise the umpires the sequence in which they will play. A player nominated to defend the shoot-outs can also be nominated to take a shoot-out and will be allowed reasonable time to take off and put back on any protective equipment.
- 37.1.2 All persons listed on the Match Card other than any player who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition are permitted to enter the field of play outside the 23m area used for the shoot-out but must be at least 10 metres from the spot where the ball is placed at the start of the shoot-out.

#### **Suspended players**

- 37.1.3 Any player who has been temporarily suspended (Green or Yellow Card) during the course of that match is eligible to take part in the penalty shoot-out competition even if their period of suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
- 37.1.4 Any player who has been fully suspended (Red Card) during the course of the match is ineligible to take part in the penalty shoot-out competition.

#### **Choice of goal, coin toss**

- 37.1.5 The Umpires must choose the goal to be used and must supervise the coin toss between captains to decide which team will take the first penalty shoot-out.

#### **Timing**

- 37.1.6 The umpires will decide the method of timing shoot-outs taking account of the facilities available and the need to control time accurately

#### **Goalkeeper/Defender**

- 37.1.7 The designated players must play a penalty shoot-out alternately against one and the same goalkeeper/defender of the other team, in the sequence nominated, unless the same goalkeeper/defender has been incapacitated and replaced (see Taking a Shoot-out below).

#### **Winner**

- 37.1.8 The team scoring the most goals will be the winner.

#### **Sudden Death**

- 37.1.9 If, after five penalty shoot-outs per team, an equal number of goals has been awarded to each team, another series of penalty shoot-outs must be started, involving the same players. The second series will feature 'sudden death', which will mean that the winner will be the team to have been awarded more goals than the opposing team, after an equal number of shoot-outs (no minimum) has been taken by each team.

#### **Sudden Death Sequence**

- 37.1.10 The sequence does not have to be the same in the 'sudden death' series as it was in the previous series and the team Captain has freedom of choice at the time of each shoot-out as to which of the five nominated players will take the shoot-out using all five nominated players per round.
- 37.1.11 The team whose player has taken the first penalty shoot-out in the first series shall not take the first penalty shoot-out of the 'sudden death' series.

#### **Taking a Shoot-Out**

- 37.1.12 The procedure for taking the penalty shoot-out will be as follows:
- the goalkeeper/defender starts on or behind the goal-line between the goal posts
  - the ball is placed on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal
  - the attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball
  - The umpire signals to the time keeper that players are ready and time may start.
  - The time keeper (who should stand with his/her back to play) blows the whistle to start time
  - the attacker and the goalkeeper/defender may then move in any direction

- the shoot-out is completed when:
  - 8 seconds has elapsed since the starting signal OR
  - the attacker scores a goal OR
  - the attacker commits an offence (no goal) OR
  - the goalkeeper/defender commits an unintentional offence inside or outside the circle in which case the shoot-out is re-taken by the same player against the same goalkeeper/defender OR
  - the goalkeeper/defender commits an intentional offence inside or outside the circle, in which case a penalty stroke is awarded (see note below) OR
  - the ball goes out of play over the back-line or side-line, including the goalkeeper/defender intentionally playing the ball over the backline.

Note: If a penalty stroke is awarded as specified above, it can be taken and defended by any eligible player on the Match Card.

#### **Suspension during the Shoot Out**

- 37.1.13 A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
- 37.1.14 If during a penalty shoot-out competition, a player (either an attacker or a goalkeeper/defender) is suspended by a yellow or red card, that player takes no further part in that penalty shoot-out competition and, unless a goalkeeper/defender, cannot be replaced.
- 37.1.15 If the goalkeeper/defender is suspended, the replacement can only come from the five players nominated to take part in the penalty shoot-out competition. The replacement goalkeeper/defender is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the goalkeeper/defender they are replacing was wearing.
- 37.1.16 Any shoot-out due to be taken by a suspended player is forfeited (no goal).

#### **Incapacitated players**

- 37.1.17 If during a penalty shoot-out competition, a player is incapacitated, that player may be replaced by another player from the players listed on the match card for that particular match, unless excluded. If replacing a goalkeeper/defender that player is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the incapacitated goalkeeper/defender was wearing

## **Part 8 — Uniforms, Equipment and Grounds**

### **38. Club uniforms**

#### **Details to the BVHA**

- 38.1 All Clubs must give the BVHA a colour photograph or colour reproduction of its current uniform design, including playing top, playing shorts/skirt and socks.
- 38.2 The BVHA Registrar will maintain a register of official team uniforms.

#### **Permission to change**

- 38.3 A Club must not change its uniform design or colour without the Board's permission.

## **Numbers**

38.4 With the exemption of goalkeepers, each player in a competition team must wear a number on the back of their playing shirt. The numbers for the team must be the same style and colour and must be legible and in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the shirt.

38.5 Each player on a team must have a different number.

## **Recording**

38.6 Numbers must be recorded against the player's name on the Match Card for each match.

## **Incorrect uniforms**

38.7 A player wearing an incorrect uniform must not participate in a match without the prior permission of the Umpires.

## **Alternate strip**

38.8 The BVHA Registrar will determine and publish a list of the uniform clashes that require an alternate strip (if any).

38.9 The Club named second in the fixture must wear an alternate strip of contrasting colour of shirt and/or socks when the BVHA Registrar determines under by-law 38.8 that its normal uniform is of similar colour/design to the opposition team.

## **39. Other items**

### **Protective equipment**

39.1 All players aged Under 18 must wear a protective face mask when defending penalty corners unless in the role of 'first runner'. This applies to junior and senior grades.

39.2 The BVHA recommends all field players wear shin, ankle and mouth protection and goalkeepers wear the full range of protective equipment available.

### **Dangerous items**

39.3 Players must not wear anything which is dangerous to other players.

39.4 An Umpire may require the removal of any item worn by a player, whether or not the item is covered by these By-Laws, if in their opinion it might cause an injury to the player or another player.

### **Special permission**

39.5 On application the Board may permit a player to wear extra protective clothing or equipment for medical reasons, provided the clothing or equipment is not likely to cause a danger to other players and the player can substantiate the medical reasons.

## **40. Ball**

The first named team in the fixture is responsible for the provision of a regulation white ball in good condition for their match.

## **41. Grounds**

### **Safety and suitability**

41.1 Each Club providing grounds for the conduct of the BVHA competitions must ensure the grounds and associated equipment are maintained to a standard that

is safe and suitable for matches and should conduct regular ground and equipment inspections.

#### **Unsuitable grounds or equipment**

- 41.2 If a Club considers a ground or its equipment unsuitable for play, the Club must notify the BVHA Registrar as soon as possible.
- 41.3 If the Board agrees that the ground or equipment is unsuitable for play they will notify all Clubs scheduled to play at the ground as soon as possible.
- 41.4 The Board will reschedule matches at its discretion to avoid unsuitable grounds and equipment.

#### **Financial assistance**

- 41.5 Clubs providing grounds for the conduct of the BVHA competitions and any other matches approved by the BVHA Board are entitled to apply for financial assistance to the Board.

## **Part 9 —Technical Officials (TOs)and Umpires**

### **42. Allocation**

- 42.1 Each Club must provide umpires and TOs for all matches as allocated.

#### **Failure to provide an umpire or TO**

- 42.2 A Club that fails to supply an umpire or TO will incur a fine as listed in the Schedule for each breach. In addition, after the third breach by that Club all teams within that Club will lose one (1) premiership point for each subsequent breach.

### **43. Technical Officials**

#### **Tasks**

- 43.1 TOs should attend and meetings, training and/or development that is offered by the BVHA from time to time.
- 43.2 Adhere to any administrative instruction or directive dealing with the running of matches that is issued by the BVHA.

#### **Match Tasks**

- 43.3 Control the timekeeping of the match, including any suspension times for any players, at the request of the umpires.
- 43.4 Supervise any suspended players issued green or yellow cards in the area adjacent to the technical bench.
- 43.5 Ensure any suspended player issued a red card leaves the ground and the immediate vicinity of the team benches.
- 43.6 Supervise the interchange of players from an area adjacent to the centre line.
- 43.7 Supervise the removal of any blood from the playing surface.
- 43.8 Prior to each match, ensure both teams have correct uniforms and equipment, and have entered match and team information on the match card.
- 43.9 After each match, ensure the match cards are complete and signed by each team captain or team manager and each umpire and lodge the original copies of the match cards with the BVHA.

## 44. Umpires

### Allocation

- 44.1 A panel umpire is an umpire who is allocated by the BVHA Director of Umpires to umpire a match in the BVHA Competitions.
- 44.2 A club umpire is an umpire who is allocated by their club to umpire matches (Note: a person may be a panel umpire for some games and a club umpire or others.)

### Failure to attend

- 44.3 If an allocated umpire or umpires do not arrive by the scheduled starting time of a match the clubs competing in the match:
- (a) must appoint a suitable person/s as umpire and play will commence without delay.
  - (b) on agreement of both captains, allow the allocated umpire/s to take the place of the replacement umpire/s if they arrive after the commencement of the match.

### Uniform

- 44.4 Panel Umpires must wear the official BVHA umpire shirt and are encouraged to wear dark coloured skirts/pants.
- 44.5 Club Umpires must wear a top that contrasts with the participating teams and are encouraged to wear dark coloured skirts/ pants.

### Competence

- 44.6 Clubs must ensure Club Umpires allocated possess knowledge of the Rules of Hockey and the responsibilities of an umpire.

### Tasks

- 44.7 Umpires must umpire matches in accordance with the Playing Rules defined in By-Law 13 including any Local Rules in Appendix A of these By-Laws.
- 44.8 For games with no technical officer appointed or in attendance, the applicable umpire(s) will assume the aforementioned Match Tasks of the technical official (by-law 43)

## 45. Reporting of umpires

- 45.1 A Club may lodge a complaint in writing to the Board regarding an umpire's conduct or performance.
- 45.2 The Board will investigate a complaint under by-law 45.1 in consultation with the BVHA Umpire's Coordinator, and if it considers necessary will refer the matter to a Judiciary hearing.
- 45.3 A copy of the findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the umpire concerned, their Club if necessary and to the Club lodging the complaint.

## 46. Payment

The Board will annually determine match payments (if any) to umpires and TOs.



## Part 10 —Disciplinary Matters and Penalties

### 47. **Misconduct cards**

47.1 An umpire may verbally caution, temporarily suspend (Green Card), temporarily suspend (Yellow Card), or permanently suspend (Red Card) a player, coach, manager or other team official during the course of a match as per the Rules of Hockey and up to one hour after the conclusion of the match under this by-law.

#### **Green Card**

47.2 A player who is issued a green card must take up a position in an area directed by the umpire, until permitted to resume play by the match TO, or the umpire who suspended them if there is no match TO.

#### **Yellow Card**

47.3 A player who is temporarily suspended must take up a position in an area directed by the umpire, until permitted to resume play by the match TO, or the umpire who suspended them if there is no match TO.

47.4 A coach, manager or other team official who is issued a yellow card must remove themselves from the player's bench until directed to return by the umpire who suspended them.

47.5 An umpire who issues a yellow card must ensure it is recorded on the match card.

#### **Red Card**

47.6 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is issued a red card must leave the field, player's bench and surrounding area for the remainder of the match.

47.7 An umpire who issues a red card must ensure it is recorded on the match card and must provide a brief written report of the incident(s) that led to the red card to the BVHA Registrar as per by-law 50.

47.8 A player, coach, manager or other team official who is issued a red card (but not a yellow/red) must attend a Judiciary under by-law 51 as directed by the BVHA President.

### 48. **Action on receipt of records of yellow and red cards**

#### **Recording**

48.1 The BVHA Registrar will ensure that yellow and red cards have been correctly recorded by the team in ORS.

48.2 The BVHA Registrar will notify the Club when a player or team official has incurred 10 or more penalty points under by-law 47. However, failure by the Registrar to provide the notification will not affect any automatic suspension under by-law 49.

48.3 The BVHA Registrar will record all details of Red cards and inform the BVHA President who will convene a Judiciary under the BVHA Constitution.

### 49. **Suspensions**

#### **Accumulation of misconduct cards**

49.1 The accumulation of misconduct cards applies to all competitions in which the player participates.

- 49.2 Players shall accumulate penalty points for misconduct cards on the following scale:  
Green Card – 0 points  
Yellow Card – 5 points  
Red Card – 15 points
- 49.3 A player or team official will be suspended for one week on the basis of the accumulation of 15 penalty points.
- 49.4 On serving the suspension the player's accumulated total will be reduced by 10 points.
- 49.5 In the event that the Judiciary finds the charge resulting from a Red card proved, the Red card will be the equivalent of 15 penalty points for the purpose of the by-law 49.3. Any match suspension/s incurred under by-law 49.3 in this instance will be in addition to any penalty imposed by the Judiciary.
- 49.6 At the end of each competition season all players' penalty points will be reduced to zero, except that a Judiciary shall have the power to impose penalty points for any following competition season.

### **Timing**

- 49.7 The serving of suspensions applies to all competitions in which the player participates (ie they are suspended from all games on the date/s of the suspension).
- 49.8 The date of the automatic suspension for the accumulation of penalty points will generally be the following weekend, but may vary where the player's regular grade has a bye or forfeit.
- 49.9 In the case of a suspension following a Judiciary hearing the timing of the suspension will apply as determined at the Judiciary Committee.

### **Notification**

- 49.10 For an automatic suspension under by-law 49.8 (accumulation of penalty points) the BVHA Registrar will notify the player of the date/s of suspension via his/her Club Secretary.
- 49.11 For any suspension under by-law 49.9 (result of a Judiciary hearing) the BVHA President will notify the person as per the BVHA Regulations.

### **Access to dug-out or playing area**

- 49.12 A player, coach or other team official who is under suspension must not enter the playing area, a team dug-out, or the vicinity of a team dug-out for a match controlled by the BVHA until that suspension is served.

### **Ineligibility for awards**

- 49.13 A player, coach, or other team official who is suspended during a year (either as a result of a Judiciary hearing or the automatic accumulation of penalty points) is ineligible for awards such as 'Best & Fairest Player' or 'Coach of the Year' in that year.

### **Penalty for non-compliance**

- 49.14 Any Club that plays a suspended player or engages a suspended coach or team official for a match will forfeit the match and by-law 22.4 will apply; and may be subject to whatever further suspension or other penalties the BVHA decides.

## 50. Reports

The following procedure must be followed to prepare a report for referral to a Judiciary hearing under the Regulations:

### Information requirements

50.1 A Report must contain the following information where applicable:

- 50.1.1 match details including date, start time, teams participating and names of umpires officiating;
- 50.1.2 name(s) and signature(s) of reporting umpire(s);
- 50.1.3 the name(s) of the reported person(s);
- 50.1.4 the name(s) of any witnesses;
- 50.1.5 a brief statement outlining the alleged misconduct. This may be accompanied by more detailed reports in separate documents including statements by witnesses;
- 50.1.6 in the case of an alleged misconduct against another person(s) the name of the aggrieved person(s).

## 51. Judiciary Hearings

### Procedure

All procedures relating to Judiciary Committee hearings are detailed in the BVHA Regulations.

## APPENDIX A – LOCAL RULES SEASON 2022

NOTE: Games MUST finish no later than 5 minutes before the start of the next scheduled match regardless of the start time or game interruptions.

### Seniors

Match duration	17 minute quarters with 2 minute break at first and third quarter and 5 minute break at half time.
FIH rule 11.6 (d, e)	Time will not be held between awarding and taking of penalty corners
FIH rule 10.1 and 13.7(a)	Any player defending a penalty stroke must wear a helmet.

### B Grade Men's competition

Junior playing in either senior team	For the purposes of By-Law 25.8.1 a junior is defined as a player aged 16 years or younger as at 31 December 2021.
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### Juniors

Match duration	12 minute quarters with 2 minute break at first and third quarter and 5 minute break at half time.
FIH rule 2.2 Goalkeeper	Teams must field a goalkeeper (defined as wearing at least head gear, leg guards and kickers).

FIH rule 11.6 (d, e)	Time will not be held between awarding and taking of penalty corners
FIH Rule 9.7: Playing the ball at any height	Players will be restricted to playing the ball when it is below shoulder height.

## Under 16 competition

Player eligibility	All players must be aged 16 years or younger as at 31 December 2021.
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## Under 13/ Under 14 competition

Player eligibility	Teams may be of a mixed gender. Boy players must be aged 12 years and younger, and Girls players must be aged 13 years and younger, as at 31 December 2021.
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## APPENDIX B – ADJUSTED BYLAWS SEASON 2022

These adjustments have been made to the BVHA Bylaws for Season 2022 due to SA Health COVID Testing, Isolating and Quarantine requirements

- **COVID Subs**

1. A Team may apply for a permit for two players, COVID SUBS, from a lower grade to play a full game, if it is directly related due to lack of players to field a team due to COVID Testing, Isolating and Quarantine.
2. The Board will require proof of registration of a RAT or CPR test, when it becomes available, of your players who are unable to play and you are applying for a COVID Sub.
3. Bye law 27, of having the usually two first quarter time rule players will still apply, these two players will still be in accordance of by-laws of player eligibility for finals.
4. COVID Sub player, games are not counted as an eligible game for Grand Final.
5. COVID Sub players, will need to be marked clearly onto the match card and the opposition informed
6. COVID Sub players, are eligible for Best & Fairest votes