



- d If a senior team forfeits their game and it is scheduled on any grass field a fine of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) will be imposed on that team if notice of the forfeit has not been received by the Association Secretary at least forty eight (48) hours beforehand. If the game is scheduled on turf the forfeit fee is the total of both teams turf fee.

**4 FEES/FINES IN ARREARS**

- a If any fees/fines payable hereunder are unpaid within 30 days or by the date specified by the Management Board, the Club failing to pay such fees/fines shall be deemed to have forfeited all matches won by such club during the period that such fees/fines remain unpaid. It is expressly declared by these By-Laws that upon the subsequent payment of such fees/fines that the Management Board or any Sub-Committee shall not under any circumstances credit such Club with the match/matches won by such Club during the period that the said fees/fines were unpaid.
- b If a Player, Team or Club is unfinancial with our Association, they are not allowed to participate in any games set down until all fees have been paid in full. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit game. The Board of Management has the right to stop a game or not permit the game to commence or advise the Grounds and Fixtures Committee to delete that game from the Competition if an unfinancial player is about to play.

**5 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

- a (i) Registration of players prior to and during the competition must be notified in writing giving details of the players name, address, telephone number and date of birth to the Secretary of the Association.

Any registration of players during the competition must be forwarded in writing by Aust. Post or by email by that player's Club to the Secretary of the Association and should be received no later than 12:00 noon Thursday prior to the commencement of the round in which they are to play. Failing notice of such registration, the offending team shall be considered to have forfeited the game or games.

- a (ii) All new registrations must be submitted by a Club Executive on Club letterhead.
- b A player leaving a Club/Association to join another Club/Association within five (5) years of leaving that club must first obtain a clearance from the Secretary of the Club/Association he/she is leaving and present same to the Secretary of the Club/Association he/she intends to transfer to. A copy of the clearance/s must be forwarded to the TBHA Inc. Secretary or handed to a member of the Executive prior to the player playing for his new Club/Association, failure to do so will deem that player un-registered.
- c Players applying for a clearance and not receiving a reply within seven (7) days, shall forward to the Association Secretary a copy of the application. The Association Secretary is to enquire if possible the reason for the non-reply and if no satisfactory answer is obtained within forty-eight (48) hours the player shall be granted a clearance.
- d The Registrar/s is to notify the Club and TBHA Inc. Secretary immediately he discovers an un-registered player has played in a competition game. Clubs failing to comply with the By-Laws applying to registration shall forfeit all games which the player concerned plays in.

- e Over 35 Competition - Any player registered with a Club may nominate to play with a team of their choice.
- f Junior players are permitted to play two (2) senior grade games but once a third game is played, Senior fees become payable.
- g Minkey and/or Modified players are required to pay full Junior fees upon playing their third game in the junior grades. Once having played in six junior grade competition games they are ineligible to play again in the Minkey and/or Modified competition in that season. In special circumstances the Grading Committee may grant permission.
- h All players are to be within insurance coverage age requirements (ie: Minkey/Modified to Veterans).
- i All players must be registered prior to the commencement of the third last competition round.
- j Over 35 competition – In the women’s Over 35 competition, teams shall be allowed to have three (3) women over the age of 30 and under the age of 35 registered with their team.
- k Any Dual Registered player must compete in the Tweed Border Hockey Association Inc. competition for a minimum of six (6) competition games to qualify to participate in the final series. Any TBHA Inc. only registered player must play three (3) competition games to qualify.
- l An age limit should be set at 12 years and over to play full time senior hockey.
- m Players registered with one club may not play for another club during the season unless that player’s registered club does not have the grade available – subject to the approval of the Grading Committee.
- n Any player registered in the Over 35 competition who chooses to play in a regular grade competition team (that is: be listed on the official registration form) to be eligible to play in that team and is therefore subject to grading.
- o Dual Registered players must not play more than one (1) grade lower than that being played in their Primary Association – subject to Grading Committee’s approval.
- p Umpires must tick off all players named on the match card that participate in that game.

**Section 2**

**COMPETITION**

**6 COMPETITION**

**a Commencement/Duration**

- (i) The Minor Premiership competition (for Junior and Senior grades) is to commence on the closest weekend to the 1st April.

(ii) In order to conduct a competitive competition, age divisions for juniors may be changed by the Management Board with consultation with Clubs to suit the age and skill levels of players nominated.

The Minor Premiership competition (for Junior and Senior grades) is to be completed by the end of September. The Management Board, if deemed required, may resolve to alter the commencement/duration of the competition.

Complete competition rounds are to be played in all grades, both men's and women's and juniors with the excess games to be scheduled prior to commencement of Semi-finals.

**b Competition Points**

Competition points in all grades shall be awarded as follows:

Three (3) points	-	for a win or receipt of forfeit;
One (1) point	-	for a draw;
Zero (0) points	-	for a loss, bye or forfeit

**c Minor Premiers**

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the Premiership rounds in each grade shall be the Minor Premiers and called the Number one (1) team. If the points are equal then the team with the higher goal difference shall be the Minor Premiers. If the goal difference is equal then the team with the highest number of goals for shall be the Minor Premiers. If the teams are still equal then a play-off match or matches will be played to determine the higher team. If teams are equal on points for the minor placings (2 to 4) then the same rules will apply.

**d Semi-Finals**

First semi-final	-	No. 1 team plays No. 2 team;
Second semi-final	-	No. 3 team plays No. 4 team;

Winner of the first Semi-final goes to the Grand Final.

**e Finals**

Loser of the first semi-final plays the winner of the second semi-final.

**f Grand Finals**

Winner of the first semi-final plays the winner of the final. The winners of the grand final are the Major Premiers.

**g Draws in Semi-finals and Finals – Senior and Junior grades**

In the event of a draw at the completion of normal game time, teams will change ends and ten (10) minutes each way will be played. If the game is still drawn, the team which placed highest on the seasons points table after the Minor Premiership rounds will be deemed the winner.

**h Draws in Grand Finals**

**Seniors**

In the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time, teams will commence 'Sudden Death' extra time.

The rules for the 'Sudden Death' extra time will be as follows:

- a Normal interchange rules will apply;
- b Both teams must have a fully padded goal keeper on the field at all times;
- c The match concludes once the first goal has been scored;
- d At the conclusion of normal time there will be a three (3) minute break and teams will change ends;
- e Each team will nominate nine (9) players including a goalkeeper to take the field to play for six (6) minutes;
- f If no score, the game is stopped and teams will have a two (2) minute break, remove two (2) players and change ends;
- g Teams will play a further six (6) minutes with seven (7) players including a goalkeeper;
- h If still no score, the game is stopped and teams will have a two (2) minute break, remove two (2) players and change ends;
- i Teams will play a further six (6) minute with five (5) players including a goalkeeper;
- j If still no score, the game is stopped and a stroke off will determine the winner.
- k Each team will then select five (5) stokers;

**l The rules of the penalty stroke off will be as follows:**

Before the commencement of the penalty stroke off, the team captains will submit to the umpires and/or technical officer a list of the nominated players – in sequence- to participate in the penalty stroke off.

Five (5) different players of each team will take a total of five (5) strokes. Upon completion of the five (5) strokes – which each team alternates when taking – the team with the highest number of converted strokes will be deemed the winner.

If no decision is reached after the first series of strokes, a 'sudden death' procedure will operate consisting of a further series of penalty strokes by the same group of players, in any sequence. The team from which a player has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the next series. This 'sudden death' series will continue until one team is ahead by one converted stroke from an equal number of strokes by each.

**Juniors**

The same format of 'sudden death' extra time will be played with one exception - **NO STROKE OFF** competition will be held. If the score is still a draw at the completion of the last six (6) minute period with five (5) players including a goalkeeper, then a **Joint Premiership will be awarded.**

**i Duration of Games**

**a Minor Premiership Games**

**Seniors**

Minor Premiership games to be thirty five (35) minutes each half with a five (5) minute half time. Games to be timed by a central timekeeper when supplied. Time for games commences on the advertised starting time.

**Juniors**

Minor Premiership games to be twenty-five (25) minutes each half with a five (5) minute half time. Games to be timed by a central timekeeper when supplied. Time for games commences on the advertised starting time.

**b Semi-finals, Finals and Grand Final Games**

**Seniors**

Semi-finals, finals and grand finals will be thirty five (35) minutes each way with five (5) minute half time. Games to be timed by a central timekeeper where possible however, umpires may be asked to keep time for all semi-finals and finals and an independent time keeper to control time for grand finals. Refer By-Law 6 (h) and (i) for drawn games in semi-finals, finals and grand finals.

**Juniors**

Semi-finals, finals and grand finals will be twenty-five (25) minutes each way with five (5) minute half time and time out to be allowed for injuries. Games to be timed by a central timekeeper where possible however, umpires may be asked to keep time for all semi-finals and finals and an independent time keeper to control time for grand finals. Refer By-Law 6 (h) and (i) for drawn games in semi-finals, finals and grand finals.

**c Injury Stoppages**

There will be **NO** injury time-outs during the normal competition rounds during the season (ie: Minor Premiership Games).

Time-out for injuries and penalty strokes only in Semi-finals, Finals and Grand finals for men, women and junior grades.

If a player goes down with an injury, the umpire will signal to stop the game but time will continue. The umpire will inspect the player and if the player is seriously injured and requires medical attention (ambulance etc), time-out will be taken. All other injured players must be removed from the field for treatment.

Treatment of minor injuries on the field is limited to one (1) minute.

**j Washed out games**

In the event of a game becoming unplayable after commencement due to inclement weather or field conditions as deemed by both umpires who have control of the game. If the game has been played for at least forty-five (45) minutes and is stopped by the umpires, the game is deemed finished and the score at that time is the final score.

If the game is stopped before the forty-fifth (45th) minute mark, then the game is to be rescheduled and played in full at a time and place allocated by the Grounds and Fixtures Committee. Captains, if both agree, can sign the card if the game is stopped by the umpires and the score at that time is the final score line. Semi-finals, Finals and Grand Finals are exempt from this rule. These games only will be replayed in full.

**k Deferred Games**

To defer a game a team must have a minimum of three (3) players on TBHA Inc. or Queensland Representative Team duty. These players must be on the Team Nomination Form. Any request to defer a game must be in written form on Club Letterhead from the Club concerned and be in to the TBHA Inc. Secretary seven (7) days prior to the game being played. Failure to do so will result in the game going ahead as scheduled.

l Junior games will only be deferred in the age group that is being represented.

**7 GAME FORFEITS**

a A team receiving a forfeit shall be deemed to have won the game by five (5) goals to nil and shall receive three (3) points.

b Any team conceding a forfeit shall be treated as having lost that match by five (5) goals to nil.

c No team shall be allowed to commence to play a game unless they have seven (7) or more registered players on the field within ten (10) minutes of the advertised starting time. A breach of this By-Law means the team has forfeited the game – this is to be at the discretion of the Grounds and Fixtures Committee.

d When a team has seven (7) or more eligible players, the team must take the field. One of these players must be a fully equipped goalkeeper.

e If in respect of any match a team has been granted a forfeit, such team shall be entitled to submit a match report for the match and any player named in the report shall be deemed to have played in the match.

**Section 3 ADMINISTRATION**

**8 SUB-COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

a An Annual General Meeting of the Association's Sub-Committee's shall be held each year within six months from the end of the financial year of the Association and prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting.

b At least fourteen (14) days notice of all annual/special general meetings and notices of motion shall be given to affiliated Clubs.

c In the case of the Annual General Meeting the following business shall be transacted:  
i confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and any recent special general meeting;

- ii election of office bearers
- iii selection of Management Board delegates
- d The quorum for an annual/special general meeting shall be twelve (12) members present in person. If within half an hour of the time appointed for an annual/special general meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved.
- e Voting at an annual/special general meeting shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is demanded. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote. Each affiliated club which participated in the Association's hockey fixtures during the season just past shall be entitled to one (1) vote for Clubs with one (1) to four (4) teams and two (2) votes for Clubs with five (5) plus teams. Persons who held office for the Sub-Committee up to the calling of the Annual General Meeting and any Office Bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- f All votes shall be given personally and there shall be no voting by proxy.
- g In the case of an equality of votes the person appointed to chair the annual/special general meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- h Nominations of candidates for election as office bearers of the Sub-Committee shall be called for by the Secretary at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and nominations shall close one (1) week prior to the Annual General Meeting. Any positions not filled by written nominations may be filled from nominations received from the floor at the Annual General Meeting - nominees must be present.
- i Written notice of all annual/special general meetings shall be given to members either personally or by post or by publication of an appropriate notice in the Daily News or such other newspaper circulating in the area.

**9 MEETINGS**

- a Delegate's Committee Meetings to be held in Murwillumbah on the second Monday, if practical, of each month between February and September inclusive. All Clubs are to supply delegates as follows - Club's with one (1) to four (4) teams of any gender are to have one (1) delegate to attend. Clubs with five (5) or more teams of any gender are to have two (2) delegates.
- b Clubs to be fined thirty dollars (\$30.00) per delegate for non-attendance within fifteen (15) minutes of the start of Delegate Committee Meetings..
- c The Annual General Meetings of TBHA Inc. Sub-Committees to be held if practical in October with the TBHA Inc. Annual General Meeting to be held if practical in November.
- d Clubs to notify TBHA Inc. Secretary of Club's Executive prior to the March Delegates Committee Meeting.

- e TBHA Inc. Sub-Committee Office Bearers cannot be nominated as Club delegates or Club proxy delegates.

## **10 DELEGATES**

- a On the appointment of a delegate by an affiliated club, association or committee, a written notice of such appointment shall be given to the Secretary of the Association and until such written notice has been so given, no delegate shall have the right to attend or to vote at any Association Management Board and/or Sub-Committee meeting.
- b Any appointed delegate by notice in writing signed by an Executive member of the affiliated club, association or committee which they represent, may appoint a proxy delegate to attend and vote in their place at any Association Sub-Committee meeting.

## **11 TEAMS**

- a Teams may have a maximum of sixteen (16) players, which includes five (5) substitutes. Players' names must be on the result card before players can enter the field.
- b Team captains to provide umpires with a result card listing team members and with the top section completed before commencement of games. Umpires must complete as soon as practical their section of the result card and the player sportsperson awards (if awarded) and hand the result cards to the captains for them to complete and sign.
- c The winning team is to lodge the result cards within seven (7) days to the TBHA Inc. Registrar/s otherwise the winning team loses the relevant points. If the match is drawn, the home team must lodge a result card for the game within seven (7) days. A team or teams failing to do so will lose relevant points. The home team is the first team named in the draw.
- d All club shirts to have numbers on the back. minimum of 150mm but preferably 200mm in size.
- e Any Club playing an unregistered or unqualified player/s shall be deemed to have forfeited such games that the player/s has/have played in. Refer to Game Forfeits for penalties.
- f Clubs with two teams in the same grade must have separate and distinctive team colours for each team when playing each other.
- g All Club registered players must wear the correct uniform after three (3) competition games. Players not in correct uniform as registered with the Association shall be suspended from the competition or asked to show cause.

## **12 SUSPENSIONS**

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  - i) Players temporarily suspended with an accumulation of twelve (12) points, as recorded on result cards shall either show cause to the Judiciary why they should not receive a suspension or accept a two (2) week automatic suspension.
  - ii) Temporary suspension points received in either the Junior or the Senior competition will be relevant only to the competition in which they were issued.

- b All temporary or permanent suspensions must be reported on the back of the result cards by the umpire. With a permanent suspension (red card) a written report must be given by the umpire concerned. This report must be in the hands of the TBHA Inc. Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the game in which the suspension was given.
- c Any member of the Association may be cited to appear before the Management Board for misconduct by a member of the Management Board.
- d A player cited to appear before the Judiciary will be examined by a Judiciary comprising of three members. The Judiciary is to meet within seven days if practical. The Judiciary may request the player or member to be present and may also request the umpire or executive member concerned to attend together with the TBHA Inc. Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
- e Any player issued a permanent (red card) suspension in a game cannot participate in any other match on that day or any match prior to a compulsory Judicial hearing. A suspended player must not participate in any capacity during the game with that team.
- f Any member has the right to appeal a Judiciary decision and have their case reheard by a second panel consisting of three (3) Board Members.

**13 DISPUTES**

- a All Clubs referring disputes to the Association shall forward to the TBHA Inc. Secretary particulars of the matter/s in dispute in writing together with a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) within forty eight (48) hours and also send a copy to the Secretary of the Club complained against within forty eight (48) hours. The fee will be refunded if the protest or dispute is determined in favour of the Club, otherwise the fee will not be refunded.
- b The TBHA Inc. Secretary shall request the Secretary of the Club complained against to reply to the matter in dispute, but in the case of a non reply within seven (7) days that Club shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the Management Board may proceed with the dispute without further notice. The Management Board's decision is final.
- c The Umpire's decision is final in any game situation.

**14 FIXTURES**

- a All fixtures and games shall be strictly adhered to where possible and no alteration shall be made to respective dates and grounds for such fixtures unless officially notified by the TBHA Inc. Secretary after consultation with the Grounds and Fixtures appointment Committee.
- b Ground allocation and umpire appointments to be made by the Grounds and Fixtures Committee and the Umpires Appointment Committee and advertised in the Daily News and on TBHA Inc. website. Any umpire appointed to a match and is unable to umpire that match must arrange a suitable substitute umpire. Failing to do so will incur his/her Club a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable within seven (7) days of receipt of notice. In the case of individuals, the fine is incurred by that individual.

- c In the event of any game/s being abandoned by the Grounds and Fixtures Committee such game/s maybe replayed, at a time and venue as decided by the Grounds and Fixtures Committee. If the Grounds and Fixtures Committee decides that a game/s is not/are not to be replayed, that game/s is to be counted as a draw and each team shall receive one (1) point except in the case of a bye where the team will receive whatever competition points have been allocated for a bye.
- d There will be no Junior hockey played on the middle weekend of the New south Wales school holidays.

## **15 GROUND**

- a All Clubs shall be responsible for the condition, marking, goals, flag posts and general upkeep of all grounds allocated to them. Any Club with a field or fields deemed not up to suitable or safe hockey standard shall not be allocated home games until such time that the field or fields have been brought up to standard and inspected by Grounds and Fixtures Committee members.
- b The suitability of any ground under the control of the Association shall be determined by the Grounds and Fixtures Committee who will request the TBHA Inc. Secretary to make an announcement via the radio or by other means of any alterations or cancellations to the fixtures not later than two hours prior to the time set down for the fixtures. Junior fixtures on Saturday mornings are to be notified via radio or other means by 7-00 am on the day of the fixtures.
- c Teams must keep their appointment and proceed to the grounds set down for play. The team captains to agree to the fitness of the ground. If the captains disagree then the umpires may decide. If the game is not played owing to the ground being unplayable then the umpires are to advise the Association accordingly. Should no umpire be in attendance, then both captains are to advise the Association.
- d In the case of a team putting in an appearance and the other team failing to do so, unless other arrangements have previously been made that the ground is unplayable, the team putting in an appearance shall receive a forfeit from the opposing team and the Management Board shall at its discretion award such points.

## **16 GRADING OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS**

- a All Clubs shall supply to the Association by the first competition game a list of nine (9) players per team to be classed as graded players. The graded players must be the higher standard players of the names supplied for each team. A copy is to be given by the Association to the Registrar/s and a copy to the Senior Grading and Selection Committee. The senior Grading and Selection Committee is to check the graded players for suitability after the third competition game. This Committee may grade a team and/or players up or down if in their opinion the regrading makes for a fairer competition. If they do not agree with the grading then they are to advise the Club Secretary concerned for regrading. Graded players cannot transfer to a lower grade.
- b Clubs with two or more teams in the same grade shall allow ungraded players to interchange between these teams. For these ungraded players to be eligible to play in the semi-finals, finals

- and grand finals in the interchange team they must have played three (3) games in that team in that current season.
- c Any team failing to comply with this By-Law shall be deemed to have forfeited the game/s where the non-compliance has occurred.
  - d No ungraded player can drop back more than one (1) grade without permission being sort from the Grading and Selection Committee (eg. a Division 1 player cannot play in Division 3).
  - e No player shall be permitted to transfer to a lower grade or interchange within the same grade during the last four (4) Minor Premiership matches. In special circumstances the Grading Committee may grant permission.
  - f To be eligible to be a graded player you have to play a minimum of three games for the Club in the current season.
  - g To be eligible to play in a lower grade in the semi-finals, finals and grand finals, you must play three (3) games in that grade and in that team in that season.
  - h A Junior player must play three (3) games in that age group to qualify to play in final series.

## **17 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS AND FIXTURES**

- a To be eligible to play for TBHA Inc. representative teams you have to play a minimum of three (3) club games in the current season before the state championships, where possible. In the case of pre-season representative fixtures, players are to have played at least three competition games in the prior winter season. The Management Board has the right to assess any special cases if they arise.
- b When TBHA Inc. hire buses for representative fixtures all players must travel on the bus unless decided on by the Management Board. The bus fare will be charged to players who use other transport.
- c Travelling expenses and accommodation expenses (bed only) to State Championships and Representative Fixtures for non-playing Managers, Coaches and non-playing Umpires and senior Number 1 Coach shall be paid by TBHA Inc.
- d Representative players are to be available for selection in their own age division before they can be considered for selection in any other age division.
- e All representative players, coaches and managers will be required to sign an Agreement stating their receipt of and obligation to adhere to the Representative Guidelines as set out by the Management Board. These Guidelines will be determined by the Management Board and can be amended at any Management Board meeting. The Agreements for Representative Coaches, Managers and Players are to include the date and travel arrangements for championships.
- f The holding of formal coaching qualifications ie Level One or higher shall be a consideration in the appointment of representative coaches.
- g If a player is playing out of their age division – they are still eligible for representative selection in their age group, ie an U/13 aged player playing U/15 fixtures is still eligible for U/13

- representative selection. Coaches, Selectors, Managers are to advise clubs of Representative Selection days for all players eligible for that age division.
- h TBHA players must be available for TBHA or Hockey Qld representative team before a clearance for any other state representative team will be considered.
  - i All coaches and Managers MUST travel from Murwillumbah to representative venues and return with their team to Muwillumbah on TBHA arranged transport.
  - j Transportation of representative teams to representative venues shall be on TBHA arranged transport unless otherwise approved by the Management Board.
  - k Managers of Representative teams are responsible for the collection, laundering and return of ALL TBHA representative uniforms from the Association's supply.
  - l A players late withdrawal from a TBHA representative team may result in a suspension from regular competition of that player by the Management Board.
  - m All TBHA representative players MUST use accommodation as supplied by the Association whilst on TBHA representative duty.

**18 GENERAL**

**a Association Colours:**

<b>Women -</b>	Shirt	-	Purple/Jade
	Skirts	-	Purple
	Socks	-	Purple/Jade
	Tracksuit Pants	-	Black with Purple/Jade stripe
	Jacket	-	Purple/Jade/White
<b>Men -</b>	Shirt	-	Maroon/Gold/White
	Shorts	-	White or Maroon
	Socks	-	Maroon/Gold/White
	Tracksuit Pants	-	Maroon/Gold/White
	Jacket	-	Maroon/Gold/White

- b All Clubs shall participate in all competitions entered into by TBHA Inc. Management Board. Clubs will abide by all rules within the competition.