

15. Hockey

The competition shall be conducted under the rules specified by Hockey Victoria, but with the following amendments and agenda:

- 1 Each home team shall provide two referees for each game at all year levels. (25/11/02)
- 2 MATCHES
 - 2.1 Matches shall be played on a synthetic surface organised by the home side. (15/11/13)
 - 2.2 If the home side is unable to supply a ground, then it is the prerogative of the visiting side to provide the ground prior to the fixture so that the fixture can be met. If neither side can provide a ground then the points shall be split evenly between the teams concerned.
 - 2.3 The umpire(s) and at least one coach must agree that the pitch is in an unplayable state before the game can be abandoned
 - 2.4 If the game is abandoned due to the condition of the ground, the match shall be deemed drawn (18/11/11).
- 3 The finalists shall be decided on points and goal differences. (See Rule 8 for match rules for Finals). The following points shall be awarded for each match:

Win	4
*Forfeit/Bye	4
Draw	2
Loss	0
- 4 HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES
The home team shall supply: - the match ball, two regulation goals with netting and all flags on posts not more than 5 feet high and not less than 4 feet and having a non pointed end.
- 5 SAFETY
 - 5.1 The “Tomahawk Hit” is banned for all matches in ACC competition, and is to be penalised with a free hit to the opposition. (28/8/09)
 - 5.2 Players involved in ACC hockey matches must wear the following protective equipment:
 - mouthguard (unless providing a medical certificate exempting them from wearing one)
 - protective face mask when defending corner penaltiesNote: It is also recommended that players consider wearing a groin protector/box during matches as an additional safeguard against injury. (16/11/18)
- 6 DURATION OF GAMES
 - 6.1 The duration of the Year 9 & 10 and Senior games shall be two equal periods of 35 minutes or shorter time by mutual consent. The Year 7 & 8 games shall be two equal periods of 30 minutes or shorter time by mutual consent.
 - 6.2 Penalty strokes and corners are played out regardless of whether time is up. (22/11/04)

7 INTERCHANGE

- 7.1 Interchange - at Yr 9, 10 and Senior, a team may consist of 16 players provided that only eleven players are on the field at any one time. The names of the 16 players are to be recorded on a team sheet before the match. The five interchange players may be used at any time during the match, under current Hockey Victoria Rules. (11/10/04)
- 7.2 Interchange - at Yr 7 & 8, team numbers are unlimited provided that only eleven players are on the field at any one time. The names of all players are to be recorded on a team sheet before the match to notify the opposing coach of the number of players to be used. The interchange players may be used at any time during the match, under current Hockey Victoria Rules. (11/10/04)

8 PENALTIES

- 8.1 A referee may order a player off the field for misbehaviour or rough play and the player will not be replaced during the suspension time. Length of suspension time will be related to the severity of the offence and be at the discretion of the referee.
- 8.2 Appropriate penalties for first such offenses in a match are listed below:-

Playing Penalty.

Slight body contact in tackle, slight stick contact in tackle and stick contact in tackle where the obvious intention was to play the ball.

10 Yard Penalty.

Time wasting (including standing over a ball or knocking ball away in a free hit situation) and dissent of umpiring decisions.

Refer to captain, verbal warning, Green Card.

Dissent towards umpire by bench members, deliberate use of hand or foot to stop ball, sledging of an opponent and harassment of ball persons.

Yellow Card (minimum 5 minutes).

Refusal to leave ground for injury, shoving opponent, audible obscenity from the sidelines, deliberately running into an opponent, throwing the stick into the tackle, abuse of umpire or ball person, captain refusing to take responsibility for his players and indiscriminate stick on stick contact.

Yellow Card (minimum 10 minutes).

Running through an opponent, slide tackle taking out opponent's legs, deliberate use of body, ie hip and shoulder, intended to knock opponent out of play and deliberate stick on stick contact.

Yellow Card (minimum 15 minutes).

Vicious stick on stick contact, deliberate stick on lower leg, deliberate stick on stick away from play, indiscriminate stick on body in tackle, deliberate stick on body away from ball with light contact.

Red Card (Sent off for remainder of match).

Deliberate use of body with injury likely and vicious stick on stick contact away from the ball.

Red Card with Report (Sent off for remainder of match and reported to ACC Executive Officer)

Deliberate use of body with injury likely where clear intent was assault, Vicious stick on body, punching opponent, head butting, pushing or chesting or threatening an umpire and striking an umpire.

8.3 For all send off penalties no replacements are allowed. Should the goal keeper be sent off, he may be replaced but the team will still play with one man down.

9 MODIFIED RULES – Year 7 Division 2 and Year 8 Division 2 competitions.
The winning margin will be limited to 5 goals. Once the match is completed, the losing team's score will stand, but the winning team's score will be no more than 5 goals above that amount. For example, if one school has a final score of 1 goal and their opposition has a final score of 9 goals, then the result will be recorded as 1 goal to 6. Both coaches will need to agree on the reduced score before signing both score sheets.

10 MATCHPLAY FOR TIED RESULTS IN FINALS

10.1 Senior Hockey Grand Final

Should there be a tied result in the Senior Hockey Grand Final at the end of normal match time, teams will play extra time of two (2) 7.5 minute halves with teams changing ends at the beginning of each extra half. The "Golden Goal Rule" will apply whereby the team that scores the first goal in extra time will automatically win the game. If scores remain tied at the end of extra time a penalty shoot-out will occur (8 second rule). (14/11/14)

10.2 All Other Hockey Finals

Should there be a tied result in hockey finals at full time, a penalty shoot-out will occur (8 second rule). (14/11/14)

