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1. General Matters

1.1 Declaration

These Regulations apply to the playing and operation of ice hockey excepting, where applicable, to the general management of Ice Hockey Victoria (IHV) as a whole.

1.2 Application

1. These Regulations are made by IHV under Clause 23 of IHV's Constitution and By-Laws in pursuit of the objectives of IHV. These Regulations are binding on all IHV bodies and committees, sanctioned leagues, to all Member Associations, their constituent bodies, Clubs, teams, players, officials, members and any person or body whatsoever associated as regards to competitions of IHV
2. These Regulations are to be interpreted in accordance with Clause 2 of the IHV Constitution. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, IHV's Constitution prevails over these Regulations.
3. These Regulations are to be interpreted in conjunction with the IHV By-Laws. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, IHV's By-Laws prevail over these Regulations
4. The IHV Committee of Management (the Committee) may from time to time amend these Game Administration Regulations
5. All alterations enacted or amended by the Committee shall remain in force until amended or rescinded by a subsequent Committee meeting.
6. Subject to IHV rules outlined in this document the game of ice hockey in Victoria is played under the rules of the Ice Hockey Australia (IHA) and the International Ice Hockey Federation, as explained in the current IIHF Rule Book. The IIHF Rules for ice hockey can be viewed at www.iihf.com . **In circumstances where a matter may arise and that does not appear to be covered by the IHV rules, those of IHA and IIHF will be deemed to apply.**

1.3 Jurisdiction – Players and Officials

1. All clubs, teams, players, team officials and game officials who participate in sanctioned league games in Victoria must be under the jurisdiction of IHV, their member Club or Association.
2. Players registered to participate in IHV sanctioned recreational competitions or activities will be under the direct jurisdiction of IHV.
3. Players registered to participate in IHV sanctioned Junior Hockey competitions or activities will be under the direct jurisdiction of IHV.
4. Players registered to participate in IHV sanctioned IHV Development House League are under the direct jurisdiction of IHV and IHV Development Council.

1.4 Disputes

1. Any disputes over the interpretation and application of these rules and regulations are to be decided by the Committee.

2. A Club, IHV Committee Member, IHV Senior or Junior Committee Member or Recreational Team Manager may appeal to the Committee for a review of a decision within 7 days of that decision being made the Committee by submitting their request in writing outlining the reasons for, and the basis of, their appeal.
3. Apart from a member of the Committee an individual cannot lodge an appeal direct and must do so via their Club, Recreational Team Manager or the IHV Junior Committee of Management. Appeals lodged by a Club must be on club letterhead and signed by the Club President or Club Secretary.
4. The Committee may or may not elect to hear an appeal.
5. If the Committee elects to hear the appeal the Club's delegate and/or President or Team Manager in the case of a Recreational Team, must appear in person to present the appeal. The appealing Club will not be permitted a vote when the Committee decides on the appeal outcome.
6. If a Committee member lodges an appeal then they must appear in person to present their appeal and will not be permitted to vote when the Committee decides on the appeal outcome.
7. Whilst it is the right of the appellant to have legal representation, in view of the amateur status and voluntary administration of the sport, individuals and Clubs are discouraged from involving legal representation (paid or non-paid) at an appeal hearing. If an individual or Club elects to have legal representation at an appeal hearing such representation will only be permitted if the individual or Club enters into a duly signed undertaking to bear all ensuing legal costs, including those of individuals, IHV and its affiliated Associations and IHA.
8. The decision of the IHV Committee of Management is final and binding on all parties.

1.5 Member Code of Conduct and Ethics

1. As a registered member of IHV, all individuals agree to abide by the IHV Member Code of Conduct and Ethics. This Code of Conduct and Ethics applies to all IHV members, including players, coaches, officials, administrators, managers, office holders and employees.
2. As a member of IHV the participants are to adhere to the following requirements in regard to their conduct during the time of their membership and during any activity held by or under the auspices of IHV or a Member Association or Club and in any role they hold within IHV or a Member Association or Club.
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others;
 - Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others;
 - Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, their actions;
 - Make a commitment to providing quality service;
 - At all times act in the best interests of ice hockey
 - Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions serve as examples;
 - Be aware of and maintain an uncompromising adherence to IHV standards, Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and policies;
 - Operate within the rules of ice hockey including national and international guidelines, which govern IHA and the Member State and Territory Associations;
 - Understand their responsibility if they breach or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Conduct & Ethics;

- Do not use their involvement with IHV or a Member State Association or Club to promote their own beliefs, behaviors or practices where these are inconsistent with those of IHV and its parent body Ice Hockey Australia (IHA);
 - Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age in accordance with the IHA Member Protection Policy;
 - Refrain from any form of abuse towards others;
 - Refrain from any form of harassment towards or discrimination of others;
 - Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity;
 - Show concern and caution towards others who may be ill or injured;
 - Be a positive role model at all times.
 - Pay all fee, charges and/or penalties by due date
3. Members are particularly warned about the use of social networks to post comments which may be in breach of the above obligations within the IHV Member Code of Conduct and Ethics.

1.6 Individual Membership

1. Any person wishing to participate in IHV sanctioned ice hockey events must be an Individual Member of IHV and are required to sign the appropriate IHV Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Form for each playing season prior to participation. Players signing with more than one State association may be suspended.
2. An Individual Member shall be a current financial registered member of a IHV and whose name is currently on the IHV Membership Register.
3. An Individual Member shall complete and lodge an IHV Player Permit Application, IHA Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Form, including the associated payments, as set by IHV.

1.7 Fees – Refund Policy

1. Costs incurred in running ice hockey are fixed regardless of the number of players who actually show up for a game. Prior to the season IHV determine the costs for the season for each grade and establish an average cost per player. Accordingly IHV cannot provide refunds to players who, for various reasons, do not fully participate in the season.
2. HV acknowledges, however, that there are some circumstances where such refunds or waivers will be considered and these are subject to the following regulations. Any refunds or waivers for season fees will **NOT** be given unless the circumstances fall within the following guidelines.

1.7.1 IHA Registration Fees

1. IHA Player insurance and registration fees are passed on to IHA. **Therefore NO refunds or waivers in regard to IHA Fees will be given.**

1.7.2 IHV Registration and Admin Fees

1. The costs IHV incur in running the sport, such as administration and on & off-ice officials' expenses are determined prior to the commencement of the season. These costs are fixed regardless of the number of players that actually end up

participating during the season. **Therefore NO refund or waivers of IHV membership fees will be given.**

1.7.3 Ice Fees

1. Ice Time Fees cover the cost of hiring rinks for games and trainings. These costs are also fixed once the season is set. However under certain circumstances refunds or waivers of ice fees will be considered on a case by case basis.
2. To obtain a refund or waiver the club must make a written submission on Club letterhead on behalf of the player, outlining the reasons for the fee relief request. All submissions must be addressed to The Secretary and all requested supporting documentation provided.
3. Refunds/Waivers of ice fees will be based on the following basis:
 - Between Round 1 to Round 5 – must pay 1/3 total ice fees
 - Between Round 6 to Round 10 – must pay 2/3 total ice fees
 - After Round 10 – must pay all ice fees
4. As no refunds will be given for instances occurring after 10 games have been played in the relevant grade, all refund/waiver requests together with any necessary documentation must be submitted prior to the commencement of the IHV Finals games.
5. Refunds will **ONLY** be considered under the following circumstances:
 1. Season Ending Injury

If a player receives an injury whilst engaged in playing Ice Hockey in a sanctioned IHV activity or event which will prevent them playing **for the remainder of the season**, an application may be submitted.

Injuries occurring outside IHV sanctioned events (e.g. other sports) **do not** qualify.

If the player seeks an refund waiver on the above grounds and then resumes before the end of the season then full ice fees are payable.
 2. Work Transfer Interstate or Overseas
 1. If a player (or in the case of a junior their parent(s)/guardian) is transferred due to unexpected work commitment, an application for consideration may be submitted.
 3. Planned Relocation
 1. If a player advises IHV **prior** to the commencement of the season that they will only be playing part of the season due to a scheduled move interstate or overseas, an application of adjusted ice fees may be submitted.
 2. If the player does not leave as scheduled and remains beyond the notified date additional fees will be payable according to the above schedule.
 3. If the player elects to leave earlier than advised no refund of the unused portion will be given.
 4. Late Drafted and Late Arrival Players

1. All attempts will be made to conduct player drafts prior to the season commencing. If further drafts take place after the season commences the IHV Executive will review the ice fee payable by previously unregistered players in accordance with the timing of the draft is held.
2. For Players not subject to Draft requirements who commence the season late, the IHV Executive will review the ice fee payable by previously unregistered players in accordance with the timing of the commencement of their participation.
3. No new players will be accepted after 30th June 2011.

1.7.4 Summer Fees

Summer fees are based on a team basis as opposed to a player basis. Therefore NO refund of fees will be given in regard to the Summer Ice competition. Any request for reimbursement is a matter between the players and the team manager/committee for their team. IHV will take no part in such discussions.

1.8 Import Players

1.8.1 Definition

Two (2) categories "LOCAL" and "IMPORT" will apply to all IHV Individual Members.

1.8.1.1 LOCAL

A Local (non "Import") player is anyone:

1. holding Australian citizenship, Australian birth certificate or permanent residency as defined by passport verification or is on a "bridging" visa, or
2. a non-Australian born player who does not hold Australian citizenship, bridging visa or permanent residency status, but has a valid entry Visa to Australia, as approved by DIMA and who is deemed a "Junior Player" as defined by IHV Registration.

(Note: The IHA definition of a "Local Player" in regard to their qualification for participation in Australian National Tournaments may vary from that applied to participation with IHV – the IHA definition will apply in for such circumstances.)

1.8.1.2 IMPORT

IHV define an IMPORT player as a non-Australian born player who does not hold Australian citizenship, bridging visa or permanent residency status, but has a valid entry Visa to Australia, as approved by DIMA and who is deemed a "Senior Player" as defined by IHV Registration requirements.

1.9 Interstate Players

1. Players previously registered in another State or Territory must obtain a release from their former team or State or Territory Association, and complete a transfer form prior to

signing a player's card for the current season. No clearance after 30th June will be accepted unless substantiated with change of residency. Such transfers can only take place once during the current playing season.

2. A player can only play in the State or Territory in which they are registered.

1.10 Proof of Age

1. Proof of age shall be an official birth certificate, passport or photo driver's license legally recognised by civil authorities in which the Member State or Territory Association is operating.
2. In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the IHV President may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates, issued before the age of ten (10) years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry.
3. Any player, officer or executive member of a team or Club found guilty of falsifying proof of age evidence, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the IHV Committee of Management.

1.11 Playing in an Unsanctioned Event

1. Members are encouraged not to play or participate in any unsanctioned team or in an unsanctioned event at any time as:
 1. IHA's insurance coverage only applies to IHA/IHV sanctioned activities
 2. Many other member benefits afforded under IHV's Constitution, By Laws, Member Protection, Tribunal Regulations and other Policies will not be available if the activity is not IHV sanctioned.
2. Members participating in such unsanctioned activities do so at their own risk.
3. It is the responsibility of the member to establish whether the activity they are undertaking is IHV sanctioned or not, prior to commencing such activity.

1.12 National Insurance Scheme

1. IHA negotiates and manages the following Insurance Policies on behalf of the Federation and its members:
 - Sports Injury
 - Public and Products Liability
 - Professional Indemnity
2. Sports Injury, Public and Products Liability, Directors and Officers, and Professional Indemnity Insurance is **MANDATORY** for all IHA players, teams, coaches, managers, referees, linespersons, administrators and officials performing under the umbrella of the IHA, and who are Individual Members of IHA in accordance with IHA's Constitution and Regulations.
3. In order to be insured, the participant must have paid their assessment to IHA and have their Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Form lodged in the IHA's office or designated office. A copy of each Policy is available from IHA or the Individual Member's State or Territory Association.

1.13 On Ice Game Officials

1. Referees and linespersons are accredited through the International Ice Hockey Federation, IHA and the Australian Sports Commission.
2. All IHV referees and linespersons must attend an IHA officiating course as outlined in the IHA's Officiating Program prior to 01 June annually.
3. The IHV Referee-in-Chief is responsible to ensure IHV has a registered instructor up to the Level as determined by the IHA National Officiating Council. All other instruction and facilitation will be conducted by the IHA or an International Ice Hockey Federation Referee Facilitator.
4. Rates and Fees to be paid to referees and linespersons by IHV on behalf of its members and ice hockey teams for officiating at hockey games, including travel allowances and parking contribution where appropriate shall be determined by the IHV Committee of Management.
5. Prior to determining the said Rates and Fees, the IHV Executive and Referee-in Chief will agree on the Rates and Fees and form a recommendation of the same for the IHV Committee of Management's consideration and approval.
6. The current game rates are:
 - Premier A – Referee - \$35 & Linespersons - \$20 each
 - Premier Reserve – Referee - \$35 & Linespersons - \$20 Each
 - Premier C – Referee - \$35 & Linespersons - \$20 Each
 - Rec C – Referee - \$35 & Linespersons - \$20 each
 - Midget – Referee - \$35 & Linespersons - \$20 each
 - Bantam – Referee - \$25 & Linespersons - \$15 each
 - Peewee – Referee - \$25 & Linespersons - \$15 each

Special Events (to be determined on an event basis but shall not exceed the Senior A rates)
7. Parking Contribution rate:
 - Docklands Parking - \$5 Officiating Session

Note: Whether officiating for 1 or more games the total fee applies

1.14 Off Ice Game Officials

1. Rates and Fees to be paid to the Scorer and Timekeeper by IHV on behalf of its members and ice hockey teams for officiating at Premier A, Premier Reserve and Premier C hockey games and Docklands parking contribution where appropriate shall be determined by the IHV Committee of Management.
2. Prior to determining the said Rates and Fees, the IHV Executive and Referee-in Chief will agree on the Rates and Fees and form a recommendation of the same for the IHV Committee of Management's consideration and approval.
3. The current game rates are:
 - Premier A – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each
 - Premier Reserve – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each

- Premier C – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each
- Rec C – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each
- Junior Games – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each

Special Events (to be determined on an event basis but shall not exceed the Premier A rates)

4. Parking Contribution rate:

- Docklands Parking - \$5 Officiating Session

Note: Whether officiating for 1 or more games the total fee applies

5. All paid IHV Off-Ice Officials must attend an IHV Off-Ice officiating course as outlined by IHV

2. Games Administration Rules

2.1 General

1. The game of ice hockey in Victoria is played under the rules of the Ice Hockey Australia (IHA) and the International Ice Hockey Federation, as explained in the current IIHF Rule Book. The IIHF Rules for ice hockey can be viewed at www.iihf.com
2. As permitted under the IIHF Rules and Regulations, IHA may determine changes to the rules or set additional rules as necessary for the proper management of ice hockey in Australia.
3. As permitted under the IHA Rules and Regulations, IHV may determine changes to the rules or set additional rules as necessary for the proper management of ice hockey in Victoria.

2.2 Safety Equipment

1. As approved by IHA General Assembly, the following are additional rules relating to the wearing of safety equipment while playing ice hockey in Australia (and therefore Victoria).
 - **Mouth guards.**
 - It is recommended that all players wear a custom made mouth guard.
 - Effective 01st November 2006 all players in age categories 20 & Under and not wearing a full face mask, shall wear a custom made mouth guard as per IIHF Rule 227.
 - **Player's Face Mask or Visor.**
 - It is recommended that all players wear a full face mask or visor.
 - Players born after the 31st December 1974 shall wear, as a minimum, a visor as per IIHF Rule 224 b).
 - All female players shall wear full face masks.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 17 years & under shall wear a full face mask in all IHA sanctioned competitions.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 18 years shall wear a full face mask in all IHA 18 & under National Championships.
 - Players shall not be permitted to wear a coloured or tinted visor or tinted full face mask.
 - **Neck and Throat Guards.**
 - It is recommended that all players wear a neck and throat protector.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 17 years & under shall wear a neck and throat protector all IHA sanctioned competitions.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 18 years shall wear a neck and throat protector in all IHA 18 & under National Championships.
2. Players found not to be in compliance with Safety Equipment Regulations 2. i) shall be suspended from further competition and are not to participate further until such time as all appropriate equipment is in place and acknowledged by the Game Referee. A second offence will cause the player to be immediately suspended from further competition, issued a "Delay of Game" and be cited for disciplinary action.

3. IHA Goaltenders are allowed to wear “cats-eye” face cages.
4. It is the player’s responsibility to ensure that they are medically fit, able and clear of any injuries that may impact on their ability to participate when attending state, national or other sanctioned competitions, including training camps as sanctioned by IHA or their respective State or Territory Association. Any irregularities prohibiting normal competition must be informed to the player’s State or Territory Association and the IHA Office.
5. Under aged players are allowed to compete with open age players provided a Letter of Clearance is provided as per IIHF Rules.
6. IHV goaltenders are allowed to continue wearing current regulation goal equipment in all IHA sanctioned games until consideration is given to changing to the new rule.
7. Only persons as nominated on the Team Sheet will be permitted on the players’ bench. A maximum of 4 team officials may be on the bench. All players nominated on the Team Sheet as players must be fully dressed in playing gear as required by IHA/IHV regulations.
8. Because of health risks the IHV and its associated clubs will not supply water bottles to players. It is up to the individual players at all levels to supply their own bottles clearly marked.
9. All Coaches are required to wear an approved ice hockey helmet at all times whilst providing training on the ice surface itself.
10. A player classified accordance with IHV definition as a ‘Junior’ (Junior A playing age of 18 yrs.and under) must attained their ‘B’ Badge from development Council before they can play in IHV sanctioned Competitions.

2.3 Females Playing with Males

1. In IHA and IHV females may play in mixed competition with males in 18 years and under competitions, or in non-contact senior competitions. Females are not permitted to play in mixed, contact hockey with males of age 19 years and older. The only exception to this rule is that female goalkeepers may play in contact hockey competitions with males in any age division.

2.4 Suspension Regulations

1. Procedures, suspensions imposed and appeals are to be conducted in accordance to IHV’s Tribunal Regulations and Schedule for Suspension Regulations.
2. Member Clubs have the power to suspend any of their players or officials in addition to suspensions imposed by IHV under IHV’s Tribunal powers, Constitution and Procedures.
3. For penalties that constitute suspension from further play are to be applied as per the IHV’s Schedule of Suspension Regulations. If a tribunal is required, the tribunal shall be conducted in accordance with the IHV Constitution and By-Laws. Refer to the IHV Tribunal Regulations for details.
4. It is the responsibility of the team officials to obtain the final game report after each and every game to ensure a player and/or team official is not under report for suspension. Failure to do so does not constitute not being informed.
5. Where a player receives a major or match penalty by the game referee, the corresponding automatic suspension will apply without the need to refer the matter to a Tribunal.
6. Suspensions are to be expressed in games and the player is not allowed to participate in any IHV or IHA sanctioned game (including games in other divisions) until the suspension is served in the grade in which the suspension was awarded.

7. Penalties awarded in a season, which are not fully executed during the season, are to carry over into the corresponding league or division in the player's next season until the number of games awarded is served.
8. Notwithstanding the above, a player suspended in an IHV sanctioned competition, (i.e. Premiership Competition) may apply, in writing, to IHV to be permitted to participate in other IHV sanctioned events provided the player in question sits out an equivalent suspension period in the alternate sanctioned event prior to participating in same. If dispensation is granted under this clause, the player must still also serve the full term of the suspension in the competition in which the original penalty was first handed out. Granting of such dispensation is entirely at the discretion of the IHV Executive.
9. Automatic Suspensions and Tribunal Hearings are applied based on the minimum applied penalty as listed in the IHV's Schedule of Suspension Regulations.
10. The application of an automatic suspension does not remove the right of the player to request the matter be referred to an Appeal if they disagree with the decision. Where "Tribunal" is listed against an offence, then the matter must go before a Tribunal for decision.
11. If a player receives a Game Misconduct in the last half of the third period, or in overtime, of a game (in any grade) that player must sit out the next scheduled game in that grade. He will not be allowed to play (in any grade) until he has missed a game in the respective grade in which the penalty was received.
12. IHV recognises and will enforce major tribunal suspensions (4 weeks or more) issued by In-Line Hockey Victoria (ILHV) which will mean a player so suspended will be unable to participate in IHV sanctioned games for the period of their ILHV suspension. ILHV in turn recognises IHV suspensions on a similar basis and a player suspended by IHV will be ineligible to play in ILHV games for the period of their IHV suspension.

3. IHV Premiership Regulations

3.1 General Matters

1. All IHV Premierships will comply with the current International Ice Hockey Federation Official Rule Book as adopted by the IIHF Congress, subject to IHA and IHV approved amendments.
2. These IHV Premiership Regulations, as adopted by the IHV Committee of Management, are the Regulations under which Member Clubs and IHV Players will participate.
3. The IHV Premiership Regulations are to be reviewed annually prior to the commencement of the IHV Premiership and shall be considered as the Regulations for conducting IHV Premierships.
4. Notwithstanding the above, as per **General Matters Section 1.2 Application** sub clauses 4) and 5) of this document, the Committee may amend these rules from time to time during the IHV Premiership season.

3.2 Purpose

1. IHV Premierships are conducted in 3 Leagues:
 - IHV Senior Premier League
 - IHV Senior Recreational League
 - IHV Junior League
2. The Junior League is for the sole purpose of the teams sanctioned to participate in the competition. No other team, be it non-member, national, international or otherwise, is allowed to participate.
3. The Senior Premier League for the sole purpose of a maximum of one grade team from each Club sanctioned to participate in the competition. No other team, be it non-member, national, international or otherwise, is allowed to participate.
4. Clubs within the Senior Premier League will only be allowed to compete in the competition whilst their payments are not more than two weeks behind their scheduled payment date, as set down by the Committee.
5. The Senior Recreational League for the sole purpose of one or more grade teams from each Club sanctioned to participate in the competition. No other team, be it non-member, national, international or otherwise, is allowed to participate.
6. Clubs within the Senior Recreational League will only be allowed to compete in the competition whilst their payments are not more than two weeks behind their scheduled payment date, as set down by the Committee.

3.3 Format

1. IHV Premierships will consist of a series of round robin games followed by a series of play-off games for those teams qualifying. The number of round robin games and the nature of the play-off series will be determined by the IHV Executive and the appropriate Committees of Management. It is understood that some variations can occur because of ice time availability and unforeseen circumstances. Any changes must be approved by the IHV Executive.

3.4 Dates of Playing Season

1. The Committee shall decide the dates for commencement and end of the playing season.

3.5 Location of Games

1. The Committee shall decide the location of all games according to scheduling requirements and ice time availability. Locations are subject to change at short notice. IHV will advise clubs and League administrators as soon as possible of any changes but it is the responsibility of Club and team managers to ensure all players and team officials are notified.

3.6 Coaches

1. All Member Club Team Coaches shall, as a minimum, hold a current IHA Level 1 Coaching Certificate.
2. There must be at least one person who holds a current IHA Level 1 Coaching Certificate on each Team's players' bench for a game to take place.
3. All coaching levels must be taken in accordance with IHA's current Coaching Program.
4. New coaches entering the coaching program for the first time must attend, or agree to attend, an IHV coaching course for the purposes of certification prior to commencing their coaching duties unless they qualify for certification under IHA's Recognised Prior Learning Program.
5. In the instance of item (iv) failure to attend a schedule coaches course during the year of competition will result in a fine being levied against the Club.
6. All current certified IHV coaches must complete an IHV Refresher Coaching Course every two years prior to 01 June annually as offered by IHV in order to retain their certification.

3.7 Uniforms

1. All player must wear their club playing uniforms (jersey and socks) as approved by IHV. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$33.00 (inclusive of GST) against the Member Club for each player wear an incorrect uniform.

3.8 Game Documentation

1. Each Team's Officials must supply a correctly completed Team List (see IHV Team List Format) to the Game Off-Ice Officials. Providing an incorrect Team List may result in a fine of \$33.00 (inclusive of GST) against the offending Member Club
2. Each Team's Officials must supply a correctly completed Team List to the Game Off-Ice Officials at least 15 minutes prior to the schedule start time of the game. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$33.00 (inclusive of GST) against the offending Member Club.

4. IHV Leagues

1. The 2011 IHV Premiership Competitions will be held for the following Leagues:
 - IHV Senior Premier League
 - IHV Senior Recreational League
 - IHV Junior League.

4.1 IHV Senior Premier League

1. This league is administered by IHV Executive, the IHV Senior Committee of Management and the IHV Affiliated Clubs and has three grades – Premier A, Premier Reserve and Premier C.

4.1.1 Premier A

4.1.1.1 Objectives

The objectives for **Premier A** are set out below:

1. To be the premier level of “checking” ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to the AIHL and Australian Senior Team levels.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the elite players in Victoria
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to AIHL and other National officiating levels.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
8. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all elite players can afford to participate
9. Ensure players and coaches at this level provide assistance to the IHV Clubs and Junior grades
10. Be a marketing flagship grade for IHV

4.1.1.2 Regulations

1. Open to male players over 16 yrs
2. Females are permitted to play as a goaltender only
3. Consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks

- Tigers (Saints & Sharks)
 - Braves
 - Demons (Demons & Jets)
4. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted
 5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
 6. The winner of the Premier A Grand Final series will be awarded the **“Russell Jones Premier Cup”**
 7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
 8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.1.2 Premier Reserve

4.1.2.1 Objectives

The objectives for Premier Reserve are set out below:

1. To be the introductory level of senior “checking” ice hockey competition within Ice Hockey Victoria.
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to develop the skills required to move up to higher levels of Senior “checking” hockey available within Victoria.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the fringe Premier A players yet still meet the needs of those wishing to play competitive checking hockey at a high level but without the desire to progress to higher grades.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to higher officiating levels.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them. This includes protecting the grade from excessive influence of elite level players impacting the results of individual games or the competition as a whole.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible for this grade.
8. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all players can afford to participate

4.1.2.2 Regulations

1. Open to male players over 16 yrs
2. Females are permitted to play as a goaltender only

3. Consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons
 - Jets
 - Saints
 - Sharks
4. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted
5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
6. The winner of the Premier Reserve Grand Final series will be awarded the “**Basil Hansen Championship Trophy**”
7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.1.3 Premier C

4.1.3.1 Objectives

The objectives for Prem C are set out below:

1. To be the premier level of “non checking” senior ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to Premier Reserve if they desire.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the fringe Premier Reserve senior players yet still meet the needs of those senior players wishing to play competitive non checking hockey at its highest level.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to higher officiating levels.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them by use of the Draft system.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
8. Encourage the participation of senior female players
9. To encourage player behaviour appropriate to a competitive recreational and social level of competition

10. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all players can afford to participate

4.1.3.2 Regulations

1. Open to male and female Senior players only
2. Consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons
 - Jets
 - Saints
 - Sharks
3. **Non Checking**
4. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
5. The winner of the Premier C Grand Final series will be awarded the **“Don Reddish Championship Trophy”**
6. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
7. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.2 IHV Senior Recreational League

This league is administered by IHV Executive, the IHV Senior Committee of Management and the IHV Affiliated Clubs and has one grade - Recreational C (Rec C).

4.2.1 Recreational C (Re C)

4.2.1.1 Objectives

The objectives for Rec C are set out below:

1. To be the Recreational level of “non-checking” senior ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria
2. Provide an appropriate level of completion to enable Senior players to move from Development Council to completion game hockey. (Accordingly slap shots are **not** permitted) but also provide an appropriate level of competition for experienced senior ice hockey players to play at a “social” semi-competitive level.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of new senior players to the sport with little or no ice hockey (or previous inline hockey) experience, whilst also providing

an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the experienced senior recreational players in Victoria.

4. Provide a mechanism for introducing new players into the IHV Club environment.
5. Encourage the participation of senior female players.
6. Encourage eventual movement into Prem C levels
7. For new players develop:
 - fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking.
 - basic individual and team tactics.
 - player positioning.
 - concepts of support; time and space.
 - an understanding of the playing rules
8. To encourage player behaviour and sportsmanship appropriate to a recreational and social level of competition
9. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to higher officiating levels.
10. Provide a level of competition that will enable the development of new or inexperienced Victorian coaches with a particular focus on the development of basic game playing skills and capability.
11. Encourage an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them but acknowledging the emphasis is on the social aspects and playing with friends.
12. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players, coaches and supporting team officials.
13. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all players can afford to participate
14. Encourage strong involvement in the running and administration of the club's operation and the sport in general

4.2.1.2 Regulations

1. Open to male and female Senior players only
2. Consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons (Team 1)
 - Demons (Team 2 - Devils)
 - Jets (Team 1)
 - Jets (Team 2 – Scram Jets)
 - Saints (Team 1)
 - Saints (Team 2 – Ice Wolves)
 - Sharks (Team 1)

- Sharks (Team 2 – Tiger Sharks)
3. Non Checking
 4. Slap shots (stick above the knee) are NOT permitted
 5. After round 7 the grade is split into two Divisions based on ladder position at the end of that round. The top 4 teams will form Division 1 and the bottom 4 will form Division 2.
 6. Each Division will complete the remaining rounds and contest their own Finals Series
 7. The winner of the Recreational C Division 1 Grand Final series will be awarded the “**Clive Connelly Championship Trophy**”
 8. The winner of the Recreational C Division 2 Grand Final series will be awarded the “??? Championship Trophy”
 9. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
 10. Awards for the following will be made across both Divisions:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.3 IHV Junior League

1. This League is administered by IHV Executive and the IHV Junior Committee of Management and consists of 4 grades as follows:

4.3.1 Midget

4.3.1.1 Objectives

The objectives for Midget grade are set out below

1. To be the premier level of Junior “checking” ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to the Senior IHV grades and Australian State and National Team levels.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the Midget aged players in Victoria
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to Senior and other National officiating levels.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.

8. Provide a mechanism for beginning to introduce Junior players into the IHV Club environment.
9. Encourage the participation of both senior and Junior female players.
10. Refine fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking
11. Refine basic individual and team tactics
12. Refine player positioning
13. Refine concepts of support; time and space
14. Develop character and sportsmanship
15. Teach and reinforce understanding of playing rules
16. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Midget players can afford to participate

4.3.1.2 Regulations

1. Maximum Age 18 Years & Under except women who may be Open Aged
2. Open to both male and female players
3. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Flyers
 - Bombers
 - Bears
 - Pirates
4. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted
5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
6. The winner of the Midget Grand Final series will be awarded the **“Charles Grandy Championship Trophy”**
7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.3.2 Bantam

4.3.2.1 Objectives

The objectives for Bantam grade are set out below

1. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to Midget and make Victorian state teams, such as De Fris and Tange.

2. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the Bantam aged players in Victoria
3. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for introducing new officials to officiating 'checking' hockey.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
5. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
6. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
7. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Bantam players can afford to participate
8. Encourage the participation of both male and female players.
9. Develop fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking
10. Develop basic individual and team tactics
11. Develop player positioning
12. Develop concepts of support; time and space
13. Develop character and sportsmanship
14. Teach and reinforce understanding of playing rules
15. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Midget players can afford to participate

4.3.2.2 Regulations

1. Maximum Age 15 Years & Under
2. Open to both male and female players
3. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Flyers
 - Bombers
 - Bears
 - Pirates
4. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted
5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
6. The winner of the Bantam Grand Final series will be awarded the "Robert Blackburn Championship Trophy"
7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.3.3 Peewee

4.3.3.1 Objectives

The objectives for Peewee grade are set out below

1. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to Bantam and make Victorian state teams, such as McCrae, Ginsberg or De Fris.
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the Peewee aged players in Victoria
3. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on ice officials and provide a suitable platform for introducing new officials.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
5. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
6. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
7. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Peewee players can afford to participate
8. Encourage the participation of both male and female players.
9. Introduce and develop fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking
10. Introduce and develop goaltending through goaltender-specific drills
11. Introduce basic individual and team tactics
12. Introduce basic positioning
13. Introduce concepts of support; time and space
14. Develop character and sportsmanship
15. Teach and reinforce understanding of playing rules

4.3.3.2 Regulations

1. Maximum Age 13 Years & Under
2. Open to both male and female players
3. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Flyers
 - Bombers
 - Pirates
 - Bears
4. Non Checking
5. Slap shots are not permitted
6. The winner of the PeeWee Grand Final series will be awarded the “Vic Ekberg Championship Trophy”
7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.

8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.3.4 Atom (new for 2011)

4.3.4.1 Objectives

The objectives for Atom grade are set out below

1. Provide an environment that is purely focused on developing basic hockey skills, maximising participation and having fun. This is done through skill-focused activities, small area games and scrimmage.
2. Provide an appropriate level of development to enable players to move up to Peewee and make Victorian state teams, such as McCrae or Ginsberg.
3. Provide an appropriate level of development that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the Atom aged players in Victoria
4. Provide a level of development that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches
5. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Atom players can afford to participate
6. Encourage the participation of both male and female players.
7. Develop character and sportsmanship
8. Introduce an understanding of basic playing skills and rules

4.3.4.2 Regulations

1. The purpose of this grade is to provide young development council attendees the opportunity to experience some form of game experience. No ladder or premiership will exist for this grade.
2. Games will be organized when appropriate throughout the season and will be played on reduced surface sizes to suit the age and skills of the players. Teams will be formed on the day based on the numbers of players present as well as ice time and rink availability.
3. Maximum Age 10 years and under
4. Open to both male and female players
5. Non Checking
6. Slap Shots are not permitted

5. Player Eligibility

5.1 Senior

1. The following outlines the restrictions on players playing in particular Senior League and its Divisions/Grades.

5.1.1 IHV Premier League

1. Senior Players can only play in one grade per Round.
2. Junior Players (where permitted) can only play in one senior grade per Round.
3. Entry by a Senior Player into the Club Premier Division is subject to the Player Draft regulations

5.1.1.1 PREMIER A

1. Open to male players over 16 yrs of age
2. Females are permitted to play as a goaltender only
3. Players registered as Non Checking Seniors (Premier C) or Recreational Senior (Rec C) are not permitted to play in Premier A .

5.1.1.2 PREMIER RESERVE

1. Open to male players over 16 yrs of age
2. Females are permitted to play as a goaltender only
3. Players registered as Non Checking Recreational Seniors (Rec C) are not permitted to play in Premier Reserve.
4. A Premier C player who has transitioned into that grade via the Rec C Draft Concession (see Draft Terms and Conditions Section) is not permitted to play Premier Reserves in their first season of Premier C.
5. Players on current or previous year AIHL teams player rosters (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall be not be permitted to participate in Premier Reserve games.
6. Premier A registered players being moved to Reserve must be notified to IHV.
7. When moving Premier A level players down to Reserve grade, clubs are required to have due consideration for the possible impact that player may have on the grade. Abuse of player movement and attempts at "Stacking" teams for individual games or to obtain advantage in ladder standings will be monitored by IHV and could result in severe loss of Premiership points.

5.1.1.3 PREMIER C

1. Open to male and female players over 18 yrs of age
2. A player registered for Premier C cannot play in Premier A

3. Players on current or previous year AIHL teams player roster (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Premier C games
4. When moving Premier Reserve level players down to Premier C grade, clubs are required to have due consideration for the possible impact that player may have on the grade. Abuse of player movement and attempts at “Stacking” teams for individual games or to obtain advantage in ladder standings will be monitored by IHV and could result in severe loss of premiership points.
5. A player registered for Premier A Active List cannot play in Premier C
6. A player registered as a Junior player cannot play in Premier C

5.1.2 IHV Recreational League

1. Senior Recreational Players can only play in one grade per Round.
2. Entry into the IHV Recreational League is subject to the Club Transfer regulations.

5.1.2.1 REC C

1. Open to male and female players over 18 yrs of age
2. A player registered for Recreational C cannot play in Premier A, Premier Reserve, or Premier C.
3. Goalies may be granted permission to play Premier C in exceptional circumstances subject to IHV approval being obtained prior to the game.
4. A player registered for Premier A, Premier Reserve, Premier C cannot play in Recreational C
5. A player registered as a Junior player cannot play in Recreational C.

5.1.3 Imports

1. A maximum of 3 IMPORT players, including goalies, are permitted to play in any one Premier level game. (See General Matters Section Rule 6 for definition of an Import player.)
2. Member Clubs are limited to a maximum of 5 IMPORT players, including goalies. (See General Matters Section Rule 6 for definition of an Import player.)
3. A maximum of 3 IMPORT players is permitted to play in any one Premier Reserve, Premier C game.
4. An IMPORT player suspended from play for whatever reason shall be included in the player limits, define in sub clause i) and iii) above, for the period they are suspended.
5. IMPORTS must be shown on all Team and Game Sheets indicated by the letter “I” next to their name.
6. As with interclub transfers (via the Draft or via IHV direct approval) a permit to play in the IHV Premiership will not be granted to IMPORTS who are not registered by 12.00 midnight on 30th June.

5.2 JUNIOR

1. NOTE: The Junior grades are age limited and the player's age will be determined using their age on 31st December in the year of the competition.
2. For example:

For the Winter 2011 the players age as at 31st December 2011 will be used to determine the qualification. In this example if a player turns 19 years of age on or prior to 31st December 2011 then they would not qualify for Midget which is 18 years and under, even if they were 18 yrs at the start of the 2011 season.

5.2.1 Midget (Maximum Age 18 Years & Under except women who may be Open Aged)

1. Minimum Age Qualifications: Must be 15 yrs of age.
2. Male Age Qualifications:
 - For Season 2011 born 1993 or later
 - For Season 2012 born 1994 or later
 - For Season 2013 born 1995 or later

5.2.2 Bantam (Maximum Age 15 Years & Under)

1. Open to both male and female players
2. Age Qualifications:
 - For Season 2011 born 1996 or later
 - For Season 2012 born 1997 or later
 - For Season 2013 born 1998 or later

5.2.3 Pee wee (Maximum Age 13 Years & Under)

1. Open to both male and female players
2. Age Qualifications:
 - For Season 2011 born 1998 or later
 - For Season 2012 born 1999 or later
 - For Season 2013 born 2000 or later

5.2.4 Atom (Maximum Age 10 Years & Under)

1. Open to both male and female players
2. Age Qualifications:
 - For Season 2011 born 2001 later
 - For Season 2012 born 2002 or later
 - For Season 2013 born 2003 or later

5.3 JUNIOR LEAGUE DISPENSATIONS

1. IHV may, under certain circumstances, grant dispensations to junior players to play below their age group.
2. Such dispensations are given on the basis of the individual player's ability only.
 1. Such dispensation will take into consideration the safety of all players involved or potentially involved in the age group.
 2. A player granted an IHV dispensation is ineligible for any IHV individual player awards granted in the age group they have been dispensated to play in.
 3. Requests for dispensation must be made in writing to the Junior Committee of Management clearly setting out the reasons why they believe dispensation is warranted.
 4. Whether a dispensation is granted or withdrawn will be at the discretion of the Committee.

6. MINIMUM PLAYER NUMBERS

1. In order to maintain the quality of games being played IHV sets a minimum number of players required to be able to take the ice at the scheduled commencement of a game.

6.1 Premier A,

1. Teams must list a minimum of (11) players capable of taking the ice at the commencement of the game on the game team sheet – this can be 11 players or 10 players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams with less than eleven (11) players at the schedule start time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the game to the opposing team. Refer to Forfeit Rules section below.
2. Premier A Teams are encouraged to field at least 12 players and 1 goalie as a minimum to provide at least 3 forward lines and two defence lines in order to provide the highest level of game possible. Teams are further encouraged to also field a back-up goal tender where possible.

6.2 Premier Reserve, Premier C, Rec C, Midget

1. Teams must list a minimum of eleven (11) players capable of taking the ice at the commencement of the game on the game team sheet – this can be 11 players or 10 players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams with less than eleven (11) players at the schedule start time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the game to the opposing team. Refer to Forfeit Rules section below.

6.3 Bantam, Peewee,

1. Teams must list a minimum of eight (8) players capable of taking the ice at the commencement of the game on the game team sheet – this can be 8 players or 7 players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams with less than eight (8) players at the schedule start time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the game to the opposing team. Refer to Forfeit Rules section below.

6.4 Atom

1. There is no limit applicable to the Atom level games. These games are conducted by the coaches and player numbers will be controlled by the total number of players available to make up the required number of teams.

7. PLAYER LISTS

7.1 Premier A

1. Each Premier A Team will be required to submit to IHV prior to the Player Draft a 'Premier A Players List of a minimum of fifteen (15) players including at least one goalie.
2. The purpose of the Player List is to:
 - enable IHV to assess the strength of each Premier A team to ensure balance in Draft allocations;
 - ensure the minimum required number of Premier A player registrations are being paid;
 - ensure all players meet registration and draft regulations.
3. Note: In naming their Premier A List, Team Management should allow for slotting in any potential Draft picks.
4. The players nominated on the list will be assessed as requiring to be registered as Premier A players and accordingly pay the Premier A IHV Fees.
5. Applications for variations to the Player List must be made in writing to the IHV Secretary at least 5 working days prior to the alteration taking effect.
6. If a Senior player is not listed on the Premier A Player List and plays more than 7 Premier A games they will be assessed as a Premier A player and their fees adjusted accordingly.

7.2 Premier Reserve

1. Each Premier Reserve Team will be required to submit to IHV prior to the Player Draft a 'Premier Reserve Player List' of a minimum of (15) players including at least 1 goalie.
2. The purpose of the Player List is to:
 - enable IHV to assess the strength of each Premier Reserve team to ensure balance in Draft allocations
 - ensure the minimum required number of Premier Reserve player registrations are being paid.
 - To ensure all players meet registration and Draft regulations
3. Note: In naming their Premier Reserve List, Team Management should allow for slotting in any potential Draft picks.
4. The players nominated on the list will be assessed as requiring to be registered as Premier Reserve players and accordingly pay the Premier Reserve IHV Fees.
5. Applications for variations to the Active List must be made in writing to the IHV Secretary at least 5 working days prior to the alteration taking effect.
6. If a Senior player is not listed on the Premier Reserve Player List and plays more than 7 Premier Reserve games they will be assessed as a Premier Reserve player and their fees adjusted accordingly.

7.3 Premier C

1. Each Premier C Team will be required to submit to IHV prior to the Player Draft a 'Premier C Player List' of a minimum of twenty (20) players including at least 1 goalie.
2. Note: In naming their Premier C List, Team Management should allow for slotting in any potential draft picks.
3. The purpose of the Active List is to:
 - enable IHV to assess the strength of each Premier C team to ensure balance in Draft allocations
 - ensure the each team has sufficient players to cover non attendees at games, given that Premier C has no lower grades to call upon.
 - ensure the minimum required number of Premier C registrations are being paid.
 - ensure all players meet registration and Draft regulations.

7.4 Rec C

1. Each Rec C Team will be required to submit to IHV prior to the start of the season a 'Rec C Player List' of a minimum of fifteen (20) players plus at least 1 goalie.
2. The purpose of the Active List is to:
 - enable IHV to ensure players of suitable skill level are participating in Rec C
 - ensure the each team has sufficient players to cover non attendees at games

8. NON DRAFTED JUNIOR PLAYER REQUESTS

1. With the exception of Finals a club may request a “Non Drafted” Junior player to fill a position in a Premier A or Premier Reserve game if they are unable to fill the spot with players from within their Club (subject to player movement rules). In the case of Premier A, in particular, Clubs must exhaust all avenues from within their own Premier Reserve and Drafted Junior players before requesting a “Non Drafted” Junior player.
2. Junior players are **not** to be used to subsidise team numbers on a regular basis. If a club is unable to meet the 15 player active list in a team they must promote players from their own lower grades into the higher grade team.
3. Clubs are able to request Juniors to play in Premier Reserve games in order to offer them an opportunity to experience Senior hockey but are subject to the same request process.
4. In order to allow all clubs a fair and even use of junior players and allows clubs to view the highly skilled juniors coming through the system, if a club requires a Junior Player to play a senior game the following process must be followed:
 - Contact the Junior Vice President (Travis Alabaster) or Director of Coaching (Jeremy Muir) with a request of a junior player via phone or e mail.
 - **Note:** Requested must be made **24 hours prior** to the start of the game to be fair on the junior players and parents and their travel requirements.
 - A list of junior players will be created by the Junior Committee and Midget coaches and sorted in alphabetically order. Two lists will be created and sorted by position – Forward & Defence.
 - The next Junior Player in the list will get the next spot depending on what position the Club requires.
 - Requesting particular players is not possible
 - Players must meet the required age restriction – i.e. must be 16 years of age.
 - No Club is to approach a Junior Player direct.
5. Juniors will **not** be allowed to play unless this process is followed.

9. PLAYER DRAFTS

1. This provides the means by which players move into the IHV Club Premier Division within the Senior League (i.e. Premier A, Premier Reserve and Premier C).
2. The Recreational C (REC C) grade is not subject to the Draft process.
3. There are three Drafts - Senior Checking, Senior Non Checking and Junior. Each with their own process and regulations.
4. This provides the means by which players move into the IHV Club Premier Division within the Senior League (i.e. Premier A, Premier Reserve and Premier C).
5. The Recreational C (REC C) grade is not subject to the Draft process.
6. There are three Drafts - Senior Checking, Senior Non Checking and Junior. Each with their own process and regulations.

9.1 Senior Draft

1. The Senior Player Draft is divided into 2 Divisions – Senior Checking, Senior Non Checking. The Senior Checking division is further separated into 2 Rounds based on Draftee assessed skill level.
2. Players are assigned to a Club. It will be up to the individual club to which the players is drafted as to which grade he actually plays in (subject to IHV Oversight).

9.1.1 Checking Division

- Round 1 – Players assessed by IHV as immediate potential for Premier A level
- Round 2 – Players assessed as Premier Reserve level

9.1.2 Non Checking Division

- Players electing to participate in the Non Checking Premier C level

9.2 Junior Player Draft (new for 2011)

1. Participation in this Draft is by IHV Executive invitation only and is limited to Junior Midget players only.
2. The Draft is held immediately after the Senior Checking Draft and before the Senior Non Checking Draft.
3. The purpose of this Draft is to allow selected Junior Midget players to be drafted to senior clubs in preparation for their eventual transition into senior checking hockey when they move beyond the Junior age limit. A drafted Junior can participate in the senior club training. They can also participate in senior games, if selected, provided they have played in their Junior Midget game (see Article 12 below).
4. Selection in the Junior Player Draft does not automatically mean the player will play Senior grade games. Selection for such teams will be at the discretion of the Club and will be based on displayed ability, attendance at trainings, correct attitude, etc.

5. The Junior Player draft will be held separate to the Senior Player Draft but on the same selection order basis. (i.e. The club with the first senior pick also gets the first junior pick)
6. To participate Junior players must be 16 yrs of age as at the 31st March 2011.
7. Players in participating in the Junior Draft are subject to the same conditions as senior draft in that they cannot select their own club and must agree to register and actively participate with the club that selects them or be subject to sanctioning, including IHV membership suspension.
8. Same rules regarding Sibling and father/son rule applies however both players must be eligible to participate in the Draft process – i.e. If one player is 17 and another is 15 then only the 17 year old can be selected. The selection of the sibling will only apply when he qualifies.
9. As with the current process, the exercising of such concessions must be advised to IHV prior to the Draft and costs the club a selection position. (E.g. If Saints had first pick and were planning on selecting sibling 1 as their first selection they would have to nominate that they were also selecting sibling 2 as their first pick in the second rotation.) This lets all other clubs know who is available and who is not. It also ensures a club does not get a free extra selection just because of a sibling or father/son relationship.
10. A Junior player, once drafted, cannot re-enter the Draft until they qualify for the Senior Draft.
11. Players selected in the Junior Player Draft can only play in Premier A or Premier Reserve grades until they qualify as a Senior – i.e. no longer meets the age qualifications to play Midgets.
12. Players selected in the Junior Player Draft, and until such time as the player no longer qualifies to play Midget grade, must play their Midget grade prior to being able to play any senior grade game. If a conflict occurs with game times then the Midget game must take precedence.
13. Drafted Junior players involved with AIHL teams note that participation in Midget games must take precedence over any commitments to AIHL trainings or events.
14. Approval for participation in AIHL games which conflict with Midget obligations must be obtained from IHV in writing prior to actual participation and will be on a game by game basis.
15. Junior Players are reminded that to qualify to play in the Midget grade finals series they must have played at least 51% of their total games (Midget, Senior and AIHL) in the Midget grade).
16. If a player misses their Midget game – for any reason (including AIHL participation) – then they cannot play the subsequent Senior grade game (be it in the same round or the next depending on timings).
17. IHV will ensure Clubs don't "park" a Junior player to protect him from other clubs until they are ready or need them.

9.3 Purpose

1. The purpose of the Player Draft is to:
 - Help create and maintain a balanced Premier competition by controlling the transfer of players between Teams and the allocation of new players
 - Ensure all clubs have an equal opportunity to access the talent pool of new players, developing seniors and junior players moving up into the senior ranks
 - Provide a means Senior players to move between clubs (subject to controls)

- Provide a means for Junior Midget players to transition into the Senior Clubs and grades.
2. The Draft enables:
- Existing Premier players who are unhappy with their existing team/club the opportunity to move to another club.
 - Senior players a potential opportunity to make a higher level Premier team with another club
 - Senior players new to IHV to join the IHV Club Premier Division.
 - Players who are now too old the Junior level (as defined by IHV) to be drafted into an IHV Club.
 - Selected Junior players still classified as Midget to move into the Senior Club environment and participate in additional club trainings and potentially gain opportunities to play Premier Reserve and Premier A games.

9.4 Terms and Conditions

9.4.1 Existing Senior Players

1. For the purposes of determining a player's "existing club" it is deemed to be the club that player was last registered with as a Senior player according to IHV Registration records.
2. A player's existing club must approve a player's entry into the Draft by confirming the said player does not have an outstanding debts owed to that club.
3. A club cannot refuse permission for a player to enter the Draft unless there are outstanding monies owed to the club. To prevent clubs unreasonably withholding permission any disputes in this regard will be determined by IHV.

9.4.2 Recreational C Players

1. Recreational C players are permitted to move into the Premier C grade without participation in the Senior Non Checking Draft provided they have completed two years of continuous registration and active participation within that club's Recreation C grade.
2. Clubs must nominate such players prior to the Draft taking place and the player must be registered as Premier C players prior to the Draft as set down by IHV.
3. Recreational C players cannot use this concession to enter directly into the Senior Checking Grades of Premier A and Premier Reserve.

9.4.3 Returning Players

1. A player who has been not been registered with IHV since 2008 but was previously registered at some time prior to 2008 need not enter the Draft provided:
 1. They wish to play for the same club that they were last registered with (as per IHV records) prior to 2008. (If they do not wish to play for that club they must enter the Draft.)

2. The prior registration was at senior level (If only previously registered at Junior level then they must enter the Draft.)
 3. The club they were previously registered with still exists.
2. If the above do not apply then the player must enter the Draft

9.4.4 Eligibility for the Player Draft.

1. Entry into the Draft is conditional upon the player being registered for the 2011 season, completing the appropriate 2011 Season Player Draft Nomination Form and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Draft.
2. Only IHV Senior 'Checking' Registered players can enter the Checking Division of the Draft.
3. Only IHV Senior 'Non Checking' Registered players, can enter the Non Checking Division of the Draft. (Note if a player has nominated for Premier Reserve and is not selected for that grade then if the player agrees they can be included in the Non Checking Draft)
4. Junior player participation is limited to those players invited to participate in the Junior Draft process by IHV.
5. All outstanding debts to a player's previous club and/or IHV have been settled in full prior to the player being accepted into the Draft.

9.4.5 New Players

1. No new Senior player (i.e. new to IHV or an existing IHV player becoming too old to qualify as a Junior) or qualifying Junior player can participate in the IHV Club Premier League competitions unless they have been through the IHV Club Premier Draft.
2. Note: The exception being those Non Drafted Juniors who have been permitted by the Committee of Management to "play up" in selected Premier League games.

9.4.6 Father/Son and Siblings Rule

1. Whilst clubs can request a specific player assigned to them as being a close relative (parent/child or sibling) of an existing long term club player/official, the player must, none the less, enter the Draft advising they are doing so under this rule and nominating the club to which they request assignment.
2. Applications for allowances under this provision are NOT guaranteed and will be assessed by IHV on a case by case basis. In the case of Father/Son concession the association with the club under this rule generally requires a minimum of 5 years continuous and active association with the club in question. Whilst every endeavour will be made to accommodate such requests the primary purpose of the Draft, especially at the highest level of competition, is to ensure a balanced distribution of available player talent between clubs.
3. The club must advise IHV in writing, prior to the Draft, of their intention to exercise this option in order to protect that player from being drafted by another club. Failure to do so will mean no such concession will apply and the player will be deemed to be available for selection by any club.
4. The club, in exercising this option, will be required to use one of their allocated draft pick positions in Round 1 to achieve the assignment of the nominated

player. Such picks must be exercised prior to receiving any further selections in the Draft.

5. Where a club is exercising multiple concessions Clubs must advise IHV in advance of the Draft as to the rotation selection pick position they will use to select the players in question. Depending on the number of players available in the Draft lower level pick positions cannot be guaranteed.
6. If all available Round 1 draftees have been selected before the club can exercise second or subsequent concession picks then they must use their Round 2 rotations to select the player(s) in question.
7. Note: This applies in each of the Checking and Non Checking Drafts
 - Example 1: A club wishes to exercise both a Father/Son and a Sibling concession in the Checking Draft, they must use Round 1 rotation picks 1 and 2 before been eligible to select any other players remaining available.
 - Example 2: A club wishes to exercise both a Father/Son and a Sibling concession but one in the Checking Draft and the other in the Non Checking Draft, they must use Round 1 rotation pick 1 the Checking Draft and rotation pick 1 in the Non Checking Draft before been eligible to select any other players remaining available in those Drafts.

9.4.7 Assignments to Clubs

1. Whilst the composite Premier A sides exists, players assigned during the draft process will be assigned specifically to one of the two clubs making up the merged teams and shall remain with that club should in the future the composite team be disbanded.
2. If a player is drafted by a Club, and indicates they subsequently will not play for that Club, the Club will, where possible, be assigned another player. Penalties will apply to the player – see Article 2.4.12 below.
3. A Club cannot select an “existing” player who has nominated for the draft without the player’s prior approval if the player has indicated “NO” to the question “Are you prepared to be selected by your existing team?” on their Draft Nomination application.
4. Players nominating for the Draft may indicate at the time of their nomination whether they are prepared to be included in a the Premier Reserve Draft allocation if they are not assigned to a Premier A team as a result of the Round 1 Draft process.
5. Players nominating for the Premier Reserve Draft may indicate at the time of their nomination whether they are prepared to be included in a Premier C Draft allocation if they are not assigned to a Premier Reserve Club however they must enter the draft as a registered “Checking” player.
6. IHV retains the right to approve all Draft assignments in order to maintain a balanced competition and ensure the integrity of the grades.

9.4.8 Duration of the Assignment

1. Players assigned to a Club via the Draft remain with that Club until the player is re-assigned in a subsequent Draft process or they permanently retire from playing IHV Club Premier level hockey.
2. A Junior player, once drafted, cannot re-enter the Junior Draft until they qualify for the Senior Draft. This protects clubs a little in their investment in the junior player and helps prevent clubs and players manipulating the Draft process.

9.4.9 Non Selected Players

1. IHV will attempt to ensure all players are allocated to a team however situations may arise where players are not selected.
 - If an existing Senior registered player is not drafted they remain with their existing club.
 - If a qualifying Junior registered player is not drafted they remain in the Midget level.
 - If a new senior player not aligned to a club is not drafted IHV will discuss their options with them and every attempt will be made to place them in a level appropriate to their skills.
 - If a player, new to IHV, nominates for Premier A selection only and is subsequently not selected during the First Round selection and does not wish to be considered for the Second Round Draft, provision is made for a refund of their registration fee.

9.4.10 New Players arriving or between Drafts

1. Import or Interstate players wishing to play in IHV's Premier Leagues must complete a Player Draft Nomination Form. Allocation of the player to a team will be determined by the IHV Executive and IHV Senior Committee of Management and be based on the circumstances of the competition at the time of nomination and the holding of the supplementary draft.
2. No IHV Club can directly accept registration of a player to a Premier level team. Players can only be assigned via the Draft process.

9.4.11 Timing and Frequency of the Player Draft

1. The first 2011 Player Draft will be held at 7 pm on 31st March 2011 at Oakleigh.
2. All players wishing to enter the Draft must nominate by contacting the IHV Registrar and completing the 2011 Player Draft Nomination form and returning to together with the required first 2011 fee payment to the IHV Treasurer by 5.00 pm on 22nd March 2011.
3. All Clubs MUST submit their Player Lists (in all grades) to IHV by 5.00 pm on 29th March 2010. Failure to do so will result in removable of Draft selection rotation positions.
4. Subsequent Drafts will be called if deemed necessary by the IHV Executive – the timing and guidelines to be determined according to the circumstances of the competition.
5. Consistent with the existing 30th June cut-off no inter team movements or Draftings will be granted for the 2011 season after 30th June 2011.

9.4.12 Penalties

1. A player nominating for the Draft and then failing to fulfil his/her obligations to play for the Club to which he/she is assigned under the Draft will be subject to possible penalties as determined by the IHV Executive, including possible withdrawal of IHV Registration for the 2011 season.
2. Team Officials found to be attempting to compromise the integrity of the Draft will be subject to possible penalties and/or fines as determined by the IHV Executive.

9.4.13 Trades

1. For the 2011 Draft trading of pick positions is not permitted. The issue of "Trading" will need to be further investigated.

9.4.14 Selection Order

1. The selection order for the first and any subsequent Drafts will be determined by the IHV Executive based on Draft candidate numbers and assessed player skill level, the clubs' submitted Player Lists, Concession selections being exercised, and the overall balance of the competition.
2. Note: The IHV Executive reserves the right to amend the selection order if necessary when final available draft numbers and quality assessments have been made.

10. PREMIER C to REC C PLAYER MOVEMENT

10.1 Intent

1. The Premier C level is part of the overall IHV competitive Winter Senior structure, and clubs are expected to ensure their Premier C teams offer opportunities to senior players wishing to play in this non checking level. Players, who wish to, should be offered opportunities to continue improving their skills to be able to eventually attempt a move into Premier Reserve and full checking hockey if they so desire.
2. Although wishing to try and maintain the semi social aspect of Premier C, some controls must also exist in regard to this grade. These controls are in place to:
 - Prevent players/clubs from avoiding the Draft process and entering “Checking” levels via the “back door”.
 - Ensure players having to move up from the Junior level, who do not wish to play checking hockey, have an opportunity to still move into a competitive hockey environment.
3. The Recreation C (REC C) level is also part of the overall IHV club structure but is primarily intended to offer opportunities to senior players new to ice hockey or those wishing to be involved at a social level in a non-checking competition. Experienced Juniors reaching Senior age and not wishing to play Senior checking hockey are encouraged to move into Premier C as opposed to Rec C.
4. A player cannot register to play both grades within the one season and Junior Draft players cannot play in Premier C or Rec C games.
5. IHV reserves the right to veto registration of a player in Rec C if it feels their participation will impact the balance of the competition or intimidate others of a lesser skill level. Such players will be referred to Premier C or Premier Reserve grades

10.2 Premier C to Rec C Player Movement Rules:

1. Players cannot move freely between the Premier C and Rec C grades even within the same club. Entry into the Premier C level is by Draft only and a Premier C player cannot play down in Rec C (see exception below).
2. Clubs wishing to move a Senior player from Premier C to Rec C within their existing club after commencement of the season or payment of registration fees (whichever occurs first) must apply in writing to IHV for approval.
3. The player cannot commence playing in the Rec C grade until written confirmation of approval has been given by IHV. Sufficient notice must be given to IHV to assess and process the request - accordingly a minimum of 5 working days notice applies. IHV will advise all clubs of any such dispensations given.
4. Other clubs have the right to appeal any dispensation given if they feel such dispensation will severely impact the balance of the competition. Such appeal must be made in writing on club letterhead to the IHV Secretary within 21 days of notice of the dispensation being granted clearly stating their grounds for appeal. The appeal will be assessed by the IHV Executive and any decision is final.
5. Once a player moves from Premier C to Rec C they must remain in Rec C until the end of the season.

6. Consistent with the existing 30th June cut-off no inter-grade movements will be granted for the 2011 season after 30th June 2011.
7. Exemptions on Goalies being made available for either grade to cover injuries or unavailability situations are provided for in the existing playing rules.
8. Violation of these rules will result in the player or players being assessed as in eligible and forfeit rules will be applied as well as other possible penalties as deemed appropriate by IHV.

11. MULTIPLE REC C TEAM PLAYER MOVEMENT

1. If a club has multiple teams within the Recreational League they must provide their Player List for each individual team at the commencement of the season.
2. Players cannot move between the teams within the same club once the lists have been submitted.
3. New Players can be added to the respective list during the season but such players must be new recruits and cannot be included in more than one team list.
4. Exemptions may be permitted in respect to Goalies if a goalie is injured or unavailable but such movement is subject to written application to IHV prior to the game taking place.

12. MATCHES FOR PREMIERSHIP

12.1 Round Robin Games

1. Before the start of each season the Committee shall decide the number of inter-club matches to be played in the Premiership competition in each grade.
2. It is understood that some variations can occur because of ice time availability and unforeseen circumstances. Any changes must be approved by the IHV Executive.
3. In all matches Premiership Points for each game will be awarded as follows:
 - Win 2 points
 - Draw 1 point
 - Loss 0 points
4. If a scheduled game does not proceed in a season due to reasons other than a forfeit and the game cannot be rescheduled, the teams will play for double points in their next meeting, or if there is not another scheduled meeting the game will be deemed a draw with a score of 0 - 0.
5. If a game cannot be rescheduled and is deemed by IHV to be a draw both teams must submit a completed team sheet within 24 hours of notification by IHV that the game cannot be rescheduled and has been deemed a draw.
6. The team sheet must **only** list those players that were actually available to play at the schedule game date and time, not a standard pre-printed list of players. Only those players listed on the submitted team sheet will have the game recorded as a “game played”
7. Failure to submit the required team sheet within the specified time period will result the game being ineligible for inclusion in calculating “games played” counts for players.
8. If a team sheet is submitted which contains an ineligible player the club will be deemed to have played that player and will be subject to the appropriate penalties as if the game had taken place.

12.2 REC C Divisional Split

The Recreational Grade will operate a Split Division structure.

After round 7 the teams will be split into 2 Divisions based on their ladder position at the end of that Round.

The top 5 teams will form the Rec C Division A and the remaining 5 teams Rec C Division B

Each Division will then compete toward their own Divisional Finals.

12.3 Round Robin Game Times

1. The following are the game time regulations applicable for the 2010 season. Please note these may be subject to change at short notice.

GAME DURATIONS						
(Note: These are indicative only and game times may need to be altered to allow for the time slot the game has been allocated)						
Grade	Warm Up	Periods	Period Break	Stop Time	Time Outs	Comments
Peewee	5 MIN	3 X 12 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	Games at Icehouse will be 3 X 15 mins
Bantam	5 MIN	3 X 15 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	
Midget	5 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	
Rec C	5 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	
Premier C	5 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	
Premier Res	5 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	
Premier A	5 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	2 MIN	2 MIN	NO	

13. FINALS SERIES

13.1 General

1. At the conclusion of the season of Round Robin inter-club matches, a series of finals matches to decide the Premiership for each grade will be played.
2. At the time of fixing the playing schedule in each season the Committee will decide the number of games to be played in the Grand Final series referred to in these sub-clauses.
3. No team is to be allowed to play in final series if they have not paid all outstanding fee's before their last home & away game
4. Any disputes of any kind regarding the final series will be decided by the Committee.

13.2 Play-off Determination

1. In the event of the scheduled number of inter-team matches not being completed by the end of the season, the final standing of each team on the ladder will be determined by calculating the proportion of goals scored for and against each team using the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage} = (\text{goals for}) / (\text{goals for} + \text{goals against}) \times 100$$

2. The team having the highest proportion shall be assigned first place on the ladder with the other teams being placed in descending order according to their results.
3. If tied, then match results between tied teams will determine placings.
4. Notwithstanding (a) above, final standings for play-offs will be determined as follows:
 - Highest points earned in round robin;
 - If tied, then match results between tied teams will determine placings;
 - If still tied, then the highest percentage from all games in the round robin will determine placings, using the following formula:
 - $\text{Percentage} = (\text{goals for}) / (\text{goals for} + \text{goals against}) \times 100$

13.3 Finals Format

1. Finals series for Premiership competitions will be conducted as follows:
 1. A Semi Final game (known as 'The First Semi Final) will be played between the first and second positioned teams with the winner going to the Grand Final series and the loser to the Preliminary Final
 2. A second Semi Final game (known as 'The Second Semi Final) will be played between the third and fourth placed teams with the winner going to the Preliminary Final and the loser being eliminated and declared the fourth placed team
 3. The winner of the Preliminary Final game will go into the Grand Final series against the Winner of the First Quarter Final. The Loser will be declared the third placed team.

13.4 Grand Finals Series

1. The result of the Grand Final match or series will decide the Premiership.
2. Subject to availability of ice time and officials the Grand Final will be played as a best of three game series.
3. The first team to win two (2) of the three games will be declared the winner and Competition Premier, the loser will be declared the Runner-up.
4. Finals games will be scheduled at the discretion of IHV.

13.5 Player qualification for Finals

1. To qualify for finals in the following grades a player must have played a minimum of 5 games in the Round Robin series in the grade in question.
 - Recreational C
 - Midget
 - Bantam
 - Peewee

NOTE: Exceptions may be made in regard to Bantam and Peewee grades by the Junior Committee of Management as they think appropriate.
2. To qualify for Premier A finals a player must have played a minimum of a total of **5** games in either Premier A or Premier Reserve during the season.
3. To qualify for the Premier Reserve finals a player must have played 7 games in the Premier Reserve grade.
4. To qualify for the Premier C finals a player must have played 7 games in the Premier C grade.
5. ***Drafted Juniors are subject to the above minimum game qualifications***
6. ***Non Drafted Juniors are not eligible to play in Senior grade Finals subject to clause (7) below.***
7. Non Drafted Juniors may be permitted to play in the Premier Reserve finals series on an exceptional needs basis, as approved by the Executive Committee. All requests for such consideration must be submitted in writing to IHV at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled game. Such exception will only be given on a game by game basis. For juniors to be considered for Premier Reserve finals they will have need to have played at least 5 senior games.
8. A Junior player must play 51% of the total IHV Premiership games played in the Round Robin series in their base grade to qualify for the Junior final series in that base grade. "Base grade" is the IHV Grade for which, subject to Age definition regulations, they qualify according to their age.
9. ***For Premier A Finals each team must, at least 5 days prior to the commencement of the first finals series games, submit their proposed player roster of qualifying Premier A and Premier Reserve players that they wish to use for the Premier A finals. The roster must consist of no more than 20 players and 2 goalies. Only players listed on this roster will be permitted to play in the finals series.***

13.6 Home Team Determination

1. The determination of which team is "Home" and which is "Away" is decided by the finishing position within the regular season with the team finishing higher on the ladder as the "Home Team"
2. In the first semi (1st plays 2nd) the 1st place winner is the "Home" team. In the second semi (3rd plays 4th) the 3rd place getter is the "Home" team
3. In the Preliminary Final the loser of the 1st Semi is the "Home" team
4. In the Grand Final series:
 1. Game 1 the winner of the first Semi Final (and who thus entered the GF first) is the "Home" team
 2. Game 2 the situation is reversed and the winner of the Preliminary finals designated the "Home" team
 3. Game 3 reverts to same as Game 1

13.7 Overtime

13.7.1 Grand Finals

1. In Grand Final games if, at the end of regulation time, there is a tie the game will be played out with series of 5 minute "Sudden Death" "4 on 4" periods.
2. Teams are limited to a maximum of 4 players plus a goalie on the ice during these 5 minute overtime periods;
3. The overtime period will cease upon a team scoring a goal;
4. The scoring team will be declared the winner;
5. Stop Time will be played but NO Time Outs will be permitted;
6. There will be a change of ends after each 5 minute period is completed;
7. These series of 5 minute periods will continue until there is a result by a goal being scored.

13.7.2 Semi & Preliminary Finals

Because of time restraints applicable to Semi & Preliminary Finals, if at the end of Regulation Time there is a tie the result will be determined as follows:

1. A **single** "Sudden Death" overtime period on a maximum of 5 minutes of "4 on 4" will be played.
2. Teams are limited to a maximum of 4 players plus a goalie on the ice during these 5 minute overtime periods;
3. Stop Time will be played but NO Time Outs will be permitted;
4. The overtime period will cease upon a team scoring a goal;
5. The scoring team will be declared the winner;
6. If at the end of this scores are still tied, a Penalty Shoot Out will occur.

13.7.3 Penalty Shoot Out Game Winning Procedure:

1. Before the commencement of the Semi or Preliminary game, each team will nominate in writing, from the players registered on the Game Sheet, (by name and jersey number) one (1) goalkeeper and the five (5) players in the order in which they will shoot;
2. Players serving penalties imposed during the game (including overtime) and/or shooting competition must remain in the penalty box or in the change room until the end of the competition;
3. Once named, the players may only be replaced in the event of injury or penalty. The substitute player from the registered team list will be placed last in the shooting order;
4. The goalkeepers will defend the goal closest to their team's player bench;
5. The team designated as the Visitors will start the shooting competition, with the teams taking alternative shots;
6. The winner will be determined by the number of goals scored;
7. If, after this round of shots the teams are still equal, "Sudden Death" shots will be taken until, after each pairing, one shooter has scored and the other shooter failed to score.
8. The same goalie and players which participated in the first round must compete in this Sudden Death round with players shooting in the same order (subject to rule c) above). For this second round the Home team will take the first shot.
9. The official scorer shall record all shots taken indicating the players and goalkeepers and goals scored.

13.7.4 Overtime Penalties

1. When regulation time ends and the teams are 5 on 3, teams will start overtime 5 on 3. Once player strength reaches 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4 on 3 or 4 on 4, as appropriate.
2. If regulation time ends and teams are 4 on 4, teams will start overtime 3 on 3.
3. If at the end of regulation time teams are three (3) skaters on three (3) skaters, overtime starts three (3) skaters on three (3) skaters. Once player strength reaches five (5) skaters on four (4) skaters or five (5) skaters on five (5) skaters, at the next stoppage player strength is adjusted to four (4) skaters on three (3) skaters or four (4) skaters on four (4) skaters, as appropriate.
4. **At no time will a team have less than three players on the ice.** This may require a fifth skater to be added if a two-man advantage occurs.
5. If a team is penalized in overtime, teams play four (4) skaters against three (3) skaters. If both teams are penalized with minor penalties at the same stoppage of play (with no other penalties in effect), teams will play three (3) skaters against three (3) skaters.
6. In overtime, if a team is penalized such that a two-man advantage is called for, then the offending team will remain at three (3) skaters while the non-offending team will be permitted a fifth skater.
7. At the first stoppage of play after the two-man advantage is no longer in effect, the numerical strength of the team will revert back to either four (4) skaters on four (4) skaters or a four (4) skaters on three (3) skaters situation, as appropriate.

Refer to Reference Tables– Penalties In Effect Prior to the Start of Overtime.

Overtime Penalties in Effect Prior to the Start of Overtime

Example	Time in 3 rd Period	Team A	Team B	Resolve
1	19:10	A5 - 2	B17 - 2	The penalty times remain on the penalty time clock and the teams begin overtime playing three (3) skaters against three (3) skaters.
2	19:10 19:50	A5 - 2 A7 - 2	B17 - 2	The teams would begin the overtime period playing four (4) skaters against three (3) skaters. At the first stoppage of play following the expiration of the penalties to A5 and B17, the on-ice strength would be adjusted from five (5) skaters against four (4) skaters down to four (4) skaters against three (3) skaters.
3	19:10 19:25 19:40	A5 - 2 A7 - 2	B17 - 2	Overtime will begin with the player strength of three (3) skaters for team A and four (4) skaters for team B. Through the normal expiration of penalty times, the penalized players will return to the ice. With continuous play, the potential of reaching an on-ice strength of five (5) on five (5) is a possibility. However, the on-ice strength would be adjusted accordingly at the next stoppage of play.
4	19:10 19:30 19:40	A5 - 2 A7 - 2	A17 - 2 A36 - 2	Overtime will begin with the player strength of three (3) skaters against three (3) skaters. Should there be a stoppage of play following the expiration of A5 and B17's penalties, the on-ice strength shall be adjusted to three (3) skaters against three (3) skaters. This permits the remaining penalties to exit the penalty box and return the teams to four (4) on four (4) status. With continuous play, the potential of reaching an

Example	Time in 3 rd Period	Team A	Team B	Resolve
				on-ice strength of five (5) on five (5) is a possibility. However, the on-ice strength would be adjusted accordingly at the next stoppage of play.
5	19:10	A5 – 2		Overtime on-ice strength will begin at three (3) on three (3). Through the normal expiration of penalty times, the penalized players will return to the ice. With continuous play, the potential of reaching an on-ice strength of five (5) on five (5) is a possibility. However, the on-ice strength would be adjusted accordingly at the next stoppage of play to either four (4) on three (3) or four (4) on four (4), as the situation dictates at that particular stoppage of play.
	19:20		B17 – 2	
	19:30	A7 – 2		
	19:40		B36 – 2	

Overtime Penalties Assessed in Overtime

Time in OT	Team A	Team B	On-ice Strength
0:30	A23 – 2		Team A – 3 skaters Team B – 4 skaters
1:00		B17 – 2	Team A – 3 skaters Team B – 3 skaters
1:30	A7 – 2		Team A – 3 skaters Team B – 4 skaters
<p>Once team A has received their second minor penalty, each team must add one player to their on-ice strength. Should the penalty to A23 expire bringing the on-ice strength back to four (4) on four (4) and there is a subsequent stoppage of play, the on-ice strength must be adjusted down to three (3) on three (3) at this point. However, if there is a stoppage of play once the penalty to B17 has expired (and before A7's expires), the on-ice strength would be adjusted to four (4) on three (3). If there is no stoppage in play until both teams have returned to five skaters each, at the next stoppage of play the on-ice strength would be adjusted back down to four (4) on four (4).</p>			

14. FORFEIT RULES

14.1 Basic Rules

1. A team will be deemed to have forfeited a game where:
 1. A Member Club fails to field a team for a scheduled game. (See 'Minimum Numbers' requirements.)
 1. The referee will adjudicate on whether the minimum player number requirement is met.
 2. If minimum player numbers are not met at the scheduled start time, the game clock starts but the puck is not dropped.
 3. If the required players arrive at the bench within 2 minutes of the clock starting, the game will proceed with the assessment of a Delay of Game penalty and the game continues.
 4. If the required players have not arrived at the bench within 2 minutes of the clock starting, the game is declared a forfeit and the officials leave the ice taking no further part.
 2. A Member Club fields a team which contains an ineligible player. An Ineligible player is defined as:
 1. A player not correctly registered with IHV
 2. A player who does not meet the age/gender/qualification restrictions applicable to the grade of the game (unless formally Dispensated by IHV – Refer Dispensation Rules)
 3. A player serving a suspension penalty – Refer Suspension rules
 4. A player deemed to have outstanding debts owed to IHV
 5. A player not meeting finals qualification requirements
 6. A player exceeding the permissible number of Imports per game. In this instance ALL import players playing in the game will be deemed ineligible
 3. A Member Club fails to supply the required number of off ice officials for the game.
 4. A Member Club plays a game when their payments are more than two weeks behind the scheduled payment date, as set down by the Committee.
2. In addition to forfeiting the game the following additional financial penalties will be levied against the Member Club.
 1. If a Member Club fails to field a team for a scheduled game without giving 72 hours prior notice to IHV of their intent to forfeit it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST) .
 2. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player not correctly registered with IHV it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 3. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player who does not meet the age, or gender, or game qualification restrictions applicable to the grade of the game (unless formally Dispensated by IHV (Refer Dispensation Rules) it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 4. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player serving a suspension penalty (Refer Suspension rules) it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)

5. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player deemed to have outstanding debts owed to IHV it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 6. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player not meeting finals qualification requirements it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 7. If a Member Club fields a team which contains more than the maximum permissible number of IMPORT players (refer Import Rules) it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
3. Where a game is declared a forfeit;
1. The score will be declared 0 – 5 against the team forfeiting. The non-forfeiting team will be awarded 2 Premiership points
 2. Where both teams forfeit the game the score will be declared 0 – 0
 3. A forfeiting team will also have four (4) additional premiership points deducted from their tally. If both teams forfeit then both will lose 4 points each.
 4. The Club of a forfeiting team will be subject to a fine as per above.
 5. Where a Member Club fails to field a team for a scheduled game the Non Forfeiting Club must submit a completed team sheet to IHV within 24 hours of the scheduled game date, detailing those players who were available to play if the game had gone ahead.
 6. The team sheet must **only** list those players that were actually available to play at the scheduled game date and time, not a standard pre-printed list of players. Only those players listed on the submitted team sheet will have the game recorded as a “game played”
 7. Failure to submit the required team sheet within the specified time period will result the game being ineligible for inclusion in calculating “games played” counts for players.
 8. If a team sheet is submitted which contains an ineligible player the club will be deemed to have played that player and will be subject to the appropriate penalties as if the game had taken place.
4. Where it is declared, after the game has been played, that a team has forfeited the match the following will apply.
5. For the purposes of these forfeiture regulations “Member Club” shall also include any “Junior Hockey” Team although the financial penalties do not apply.

14.2 Single Team Offending

14.2.1 Game Result

1. As per clause i) above, the offending team will have their result score recorded as zero and will lose 4 (four) premiership competition points.
2. Regardless of the number of goals the non-offending team scored their score will be recorded as 5 goals.

14.2.2 Player and Goalie Statistics

1. All individual player statistics for both teams will be lost.
2. The game will be counted as a “game played” for all players on the non-offending team but not for those on the offending team.

14.2.3 Penalties

1. All penalties awarded during the game will stand and all players/team officials subject to disciplinary actions arising there from as per IHV Rules and Regulations.

14.3 Both Teams Offending

14.3.1 Game Result

1. As per clause ii) above, the game will be recorded as a forfeit against both teams
2. The score will be deemed a nil all draw (0 – 0) but no Premiership points will be awarded
3. Both teams will lose 4 (four) premiership competition points.

14.3.2 Player/Goalie Statistics

1. All individual player statistics for both teams will be lost.
2. The game will not count as a “Game Played”

14.3.3 Penalties

1. All penalties awarded during the game will stand and all players/team officials subject to disciplinary rules and actions arising there from as per IHV rules and regulations.

15. Statistics

1. The following statistics are to be kept for all IHV Premierhips:

- game results,
- team standings,
- point scorers,
- penalty minutes,
- Games played
- goalkeeper statistics, i.e.
 1. Save % - (Total Shots minus Goals) divided by (Total Shots),
 2. G.A.A. - (Total Goals) divided by (Total Minutes Played), and

NOOTE: Goalkeepers must play a minimum of 5 games to eligible for an award.

16. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

1. All players must keep all gear (including helmets) on until they leave the Ice Surface. They may be told once by the referee or linesperson to put the gear back on, if they refuse they will be given a Game Misconduct Penalty.
2. If not above Midget playing age (18 yrs and under) a player must attained their 'B' Badge from development Council before they can play in IHV Competitions .
3. Players involved in Bantam grade and above need to be aware and comply with the IHA's Prohibitive Substance Policy when participating in IHV Premierships. This responsibility will be confirmed by signature when submitting the Team Entry Form. (Peewee is not required to comply with this requirement.)
4. Any reported damages or offences to any public property, other than accidental, will be paid by the IHV and those costs will be recovered from the offending team's Club. Failure to pay for damages will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offending player/team/Club.