



# AFFILIATION RULES



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The Affiliation Rules should be read in conjunction with the rule titled:

- ❖ Senior Competition Rules
- ❖ Junior Competition Rules
- ❖ Hockey 7's Rules

# 1. DEFINITIONS

In these rules, unless contrary intention appears:

- “**Administrator**” refers to Peel Hockey Administrator
- “**Association**”, “**Peel Hockey**” all refer to the name of the Peel Hockey Association (Inc.) its Staff, Board and Committees.
- “**Club**” means any Club or Association, or any other group within Australia or overseas controlling the playing of field hockey, according to the rules of FIH Rules Board.
- “**Committee**” refers to a Committee that is set up by Peel Hockey to carry out delegated functions or powers of Peel Hockey.
- “**Competition**” means the competitions controlled by Peel Hockey
- “**FIH**” refers to the International Hockey Federation.
- “**Final**” refers to the series of games played at the end of the qualifying season to determine the Premier.
- “**First Offence**” refers to the first match that a team fails to provide one umpire for the allocated fixture.
- “**HA**” refers to Hockey Australia.
- “**HockeyNet**” refers to the online membership/competitions package used by Peel Hockey.
- “**Home Club**” refers to the first mentioned team in the fixture schedule.
- “**Media**” refers to any form of media or social media such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Instagram or Flickr.
- “**Player**” refers to any player regardless of their position, includes field players and goalkeepers.
- “**Policy**” refers to guiding principles set down and endorsed by the relevant Committee, Division and Board.
- “**President**” refers to Peel Hockey President
- “**Qualifying Season**” is defined as the round games played prior to the finals series.
- “**Regular Grade**” is the grade in which a player has played most of their games in the current season at that point in time up to and including the last qualifying round. Where a player has played an equal number of games in more than one grade, his/her Regular Grade will be the higher of those grades.
- “**Rules of Peel Hockey**” refers to any rules pertaining to any competition administered by Peel Hockey.
- “**Second and subsequent offences**” refers to the subsequent occasions that a team fails to provide umpires for the allocated fixture. This includes the first match if during this match the team fails to provide two umpires. NB: In this case, the first umpire to not show is deemed the first offence, and the second umpire is deemed the second offence.
- “**Team**” means a number of players registered with a Club and designated by that Club to represent it in a scheduled match in the competition;
- “**Winter Season**” means a winter hockey season competition run by Peel Hockey, the first day of which shall be the date of the first match of the competition and the last day of which shall be the date of the grand final match/windup of the competition for that season.

## 2. APPLICATION

2.1 Rules 2.1 to 18.1 apply to all hockey games played in competitions conducted by Peel Hockey. These competitions include but are not limited to:

- 2.1.1 Senior Competition
- 2.1.2 Junior Competition
- 2.1.3 Social 7's
- 2.1.4 Summer Hockey

2.2 Rules relating to the above competitions, can be found on the Peel Hockey website.

### **3. NOTICE**

#### **3.1 INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED**

Each Club and Associate member shall by 31 January in each year, or in the case of any change within ten (10) days, provide the Peel Hockey office with the following information in writing:

- 3.1.1 The name, address and telephone numbers (business and private) of the President, Secretary and Treasurer;
- 3.1.2 An email address to which notices or correspondence must be sent;
- 3.1.3 A postal address to which notices or correspondence can be sent.

#### **3.2 GIVING NOTICE**

If any information, notice or demand is:

- 3.2.1 Sent to the latest advised email address of a Club, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club two (2) days after being sent to that address;
- 3.2.2 Delivered or mailed to the latest advised postal address of a Club it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club four (4) days after delivering or mailing to that address;

#### **3.3 DATA COLLECTION**

- 3.3.1 By 24 May each year Clubs shall supply Peel Hockey the specified information required by Peel Hockey in respect of all of their current players, coaches and officials.
- 3.3.2 The specified information shall be supplied in the format nominated and advised by Peel Hockey from time to time.
- 3.3.3 The specified information required shall include the person's first name, surname, gender, residential address, email, postcode and date of birth.
- 3.3.4 If a Club fails to comply with this rule it shall be liable to payment of a fine as set down in the fines schedule (refer to Section 12) for each team entered by it into the Peel Hockey winter competition. Before a fine can be imposed Peel Hockey must give the club at least twenty-one (21) days prior (to required date) written notice that this rule has not been complied with.

### **4. CLUB ADMISSION AND RESIGNATION**

#### **4.1 ADMISSION**

- 4.1.1 The Peel Hockey Board shall ratify the entry of new Clubs.
- 4.1.2 Application for admission of a Club shall be made in writing to Peel Hockey prior to 31 January.
- 4.1.3 Applicants shall be given a copy of the Peel Hockey Constitution, the Rules of Peel Hockey and Hockey WA member protection policy; and in the application for admission, must agree to be bound thereby.
- 4.1.4 When applying for admission, a Club shall submit for approval their proposed ground, colours, uniform and state how they propose to sustain the Club's existence.

#### **4.2 RESIGNATION**

- 4.2.1 Any Club wishing to resign from Peel Hockey shall intimate its intention in writing to the President.
- 4.2.2 If a Club is forced to disband before the close of a season, all matches played by its teams shall be cancelled and, providing it is financial with Peel Hockey, its members may then be registered with other Clubs.

- 4.2.3 If unfinancial, the Board of Peel Hockey shall levy those individual members applying for re-registration.
- 4.2.4 No Club shall be allowed to use the name of the disbanded Club, unless that Club accepts the responsibility of any debts owing to Peel Hockey by the disbanding Club and Peel Hockey is in agreement.
- 4.2.5 If a Club resigns before the completion of the season, all matches played by any of that Club's teams shall be cancelled (refer to Rule 11.4 for individual team withdrawal).

## **5. AMALGAMATIONS/MERGERS OF CLUBS**

- 5.1 Amalgamations/mergers between Clubs shall be formulated prior to 14 January prior to the following season. Applications received after 14 January may be considered by Peel Hockey.
- 5.2 Where two (2) or more Clubs wish to amalgamate they shall:
  - 5.2.1 Apply to Peel Hockey in writing for its approval for such amalgamation. The letter is to be signed for and on behalf of the amalgamating Clubs' Committees.
  - 5.2.2 Submit the name of the proposed new amalgamated Club and provide;
    - 5.2.2.1 A copy of the notice of General Meeting of both Clubs,
    - 5.2.2.2 A copy of the signed record of attendance at the General Meetings of both Clubs,
    - 5.2.2.3 A copy of the minutes of the General Meetings of both Clubs, signed by the Office Bearers of the Club which confirms the approval by Club members of the amalgamation/member,
    - 5.2.2.4 Submit a copy of the proposed Constitution, or, if the proposed new Club is intending to become an Incorporated Association, the proposed Statement of Purpose and Rules
    - 5.2.2.5 Submit the names of the Office Bearers.
- 5.3 Amalgamating Clubs shall have the right to nominate the Division in which they wish to participate. However, the nominated Divisions shall be one in which one of the amalgamating Clubs would be eligible to participate in the season immediately following.
- 5.4 Before amalgamation is approved all outstanding financial obligations and playing commitments to Peel Hockey shall be fulfilled by the amalgamating Clubs.
- 5.5 All players of amalgamating Clubs shall be deemed to be players registered by Peel Hockey as players of the newly formed Club.
- 5.6 The newly amalgamated Club shall fulfil its commitments and be responsible for all the terms and conditions of the player's agreements with the Clubs as in force at the time of amalgamation.
- 5.7 Peel Hockey shall declare a vacancy or vacancies in the appropriate Division and this vacancy or vacancies shall be filled or left vacant at the discretion of Peel Hockey in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Peel Hockey.
- 5.8 Where two (2) or more Clubs intend to amalgamate Peel Hockey is to be advised prior to any formal meetings of the respective Club Members being convened and shall reserve the right to have Peel Hockey represented at such meetings by an appointed Office Bearer.
- 5.9 Peel Hockey will not recognise the amalgamation of a member club with another club or other entity unless the amalgamation has the endorsement of Peel Hockey. Subsequently, it is the responsibility of those amalgamating clubs or parties to provide

full disclosure of the agreement to Peel Hockey so that the application may be considered.

## **6. CHANGE OF CLUB NAME**

- 6.1 Any Affiliated Club who wishes to change its registered Club name must provide the following in writing to Peel Hockey, which will then be considered by Peel Hockey.
- 6.2 All applications for a Change of Club Name must be made outside of the winter season, but not later than 1 December unless otherwise allowed by Peel Hockey.
- 6.3 This application will be assessed in two parts outlined below.
  - 6.3.1 Part A – Prior to Peel Hockey Ratification:
    - 6.3.1.1 The Club submits on letterhead its request for change of club name.
    - 6.3.1.2 Full disclosure of information including the reasons associated for the request.
    - 6.3.1.3 The ‘name’ should be representative of the broader geographic area within which the Club is located and shall not make any reference to any ethnic or political name, slogan, sponsor or business.
    - 6.3.1.4 It is imperative that the application for change of name includes an alternative name that can be assessed, again with full disclosure as per items 6.3.1.2 and 6.3.1.3 above.
  - 6.3.2 Part B – Once the Change of Name has been ratified by Peel Hockey:
    - 6.3.2.1 A copy of the Minutes of Special General Meeting of the club, approving the Change of Name, Evidence of Registration of the new Club (Business) Name with the appropriate entity,
- 6.4 Please note that Peel Hockey will assess all change of name applications only when all of the above information has been lodged with Peel Hockey. Peel Hockey reserves the right to reject any application for a change of name as it sees fit.

## **7. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CLUBS**

- 7.1 Clubs do not have the power to represent Peel Hockey.
- 7.2 Clubs shall comply with the requests of Peel Hockey.
- 7.3 Clubs shall comply with:
  - 7.3.1 The Constitution of Peel Hockey;
  - 7.3.2 The Rules of Peel Hockey; and
  - 7.3.3 The Member Protection Policy as adopted by Peel Hockey and Hockey WA and amended from time to time.
  - 7.3.4 The Member and Player Insurance Policy as adopted by Peel Hockey and Hockey WA and amended from time to time.
  - 7.3.5 All other policies as determined from time to time by Peel Hockey and Hockey WA.
  - 7.3.6 Where a member Club is in debt to Peel Hockey for more than 60 days overdue, on written request of Peel Hockey a member Club financial information shall be made available for review to Peel Hockey. Where deemed necessary by Peel Hockey; that member Club shall submit to a financial audit by persons nominated by Peel Hockey.
- 7.4 No member of any affiliated or associated body shall institute any hockey Prize Competition or Finals Series without the prior authority of Peel Hockey.

## 7.5 PROVISION OF OFFICIALS

- 7.5.1 Clubs shall provide umpires as directed by Peel Hockey.
- 7.5.2 When a Club is designated to provide an umpire or umpires for a game and that Club fails to provide such umpire or umpires for that game then the Club shall be subject to the fines for each umpire not provided as set out in the Fines schedule (refer to Section 12).
- 7.5.3 All Umpires, when appointed by their Club, shall wear appropriate clothing i.e. black shorts, trousers/pants, skirts and official Peel Hockey umpiring shirt/jacker, unless advised/approved by Peel Hockey.
- 7.5.4 An individual appointed by a Club to perform allocated umpiring duties, must be at a sufficient level of confidence and competence to manage the grade of the appointment.
- 7.5.5 Umpires appointed by Peel Hockey shall be given precedence over all other umpires at any match and shall wear the prescribed uniform.
- 7.5.6 An appointed umpire or technical officer/judge shall be considered as a delegate with the authority of Peel Hockey during the progress of a match and proper respect is due to them.

## 8. CLUB UNIFORMS

- 8.1 No existing Club may change its playing uniforms without prior written approval from Peel Hockey. Each Club shall advise any change to its registered uniform to the Peel Hockey Administrator by 14 February each year.
- 8.2 A coloured photograph/illustration swatch of the material and relevant PMS numbers relating to the 'new' design is to be submitted to the Administrator for approval.
- 8.3 Each new Club shall apply to register its full uniform by forwarding to Administrator by 14 February in the year of the Club's first season a coloured photograph/illustration swatch of the material and relevant PMS numbers of the design for approval.
- 8.4 If the playing uniforms of both teams in a game are so similar that it may lead to a possible confusion, the second named team in the game shall wear a contrasting uniform (shirt and socks). Failure to wear alternate colours will incur a fine as per the Fines Schedule (refer to Section 12).
- 8.5 For all Senior Competitions and Junior Competitions (unless otherwise advised/approved by Peel Hockey) the playing uniform is to be numbered. The number is to be on the back of the shirt/body suit, positioned so as to be clearly visible when the shirt is tucked in. The number is to be in a contrasting colour to the shirt and be at least 20 cm high.
  - 8.5.1 Junior teams can apply for exemption.
- 8.6 In all competitions, goalkeepers are to wear an over shirt that is of **contrasting colour(s) to the shirt colour of both teams.**
- 8.7 No player shall take part in any match except in the registered and Peel Hockey approved uniform of their Club.
- 8.8 Technical officers/Judges (or umpires where there is no technical officer) must record on the match report sheet, all players not in registered uniform after the third round, and the Club may incur a fine as set in the Fines schedule (refer to Section 12).
  - 8.8.1 Club Playing uniform consists of:
    - Women: Skirt or skorts (unless permission has been received, refer to Rule 8.8.2)
    - Men: Shorts

- 8.8.2 Any special exception to the rules as to playing in uniform shall be at the discretion of Peel Hockey once written application has been lodged with Administrator no later than 2pm Friday before the game.
- 8.9 When in uniform, no player shall behave on any occasion in a manner which reflects discredit to Peel Hockey.
- 8.10 Breach of rule 8.9 may invoke expulsion of the player, players or Club concerned from Peel Hockey.

## **9. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **9.1 TRANSFERS**

- 9.1.1 Clubs must provide Peel Hockey with a current list of non-transferable players by January 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition. This list should include all players that have outstanding moneys (including fees) or equipment owing to the club.
- 9.1.1.1 The only reason for clubs to put a player on their list of non-transferable players is that the player has outstanding moneys (including fees) or equipment to the club.
- 9.1.1.2 Peel Hockey will make this list of non-transferable players accessible to Clubs from no later than February 10<sup>th</sup> in the relevant year and throughout the winter season.
- 9.1.1.3 Subject to the remainder of this rule 9.1, players that are not on the list of non-transferable players are eligible to transfer to a new club.
- 9.1.1.4 Players that are on the list of non-transferable players are not eligible to transfer to a new club until they have fulfilled their obligations to the former club.
- 9.1.1.5 Clubs are to ensure that Peel Hockey is updated as to changes to their list of non-transferable players after January 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.
- 9.1.2 Subject to rule 9.1.2.1, players wishing to transfer after the 4<sup>th</sup> round of their respective competition must obtain a transfer form signed by an office bearer of the club that they have played for in that season (Former Club) and ensure the transfer form is received by Peel Hockey no less than five (5) business days prior to the player's first game for their proposed new club.
- 9.1.2.1 If the Former Club has not responded to a request for a transfer form to be signed within three (3) business days, the player wishing to transfer clubs should notify Hockey WA, and Hockey WA shall notify the Former Club of the due date for a response, which shall be two (2) business days after the notification is received.
- 9.1.2.2 If the Former Club responds with the signed transfer request form within the required time frame, the transfer shall be granted.
- 9.1.2.3 If the Former Club does not respond to Peel Hockey or the player within the required time frame, as per rule 9.1.2.1, the transfer shall be granted.
- 9.1.2.4 If the Former Club responds to inform Peel Hockey that the player has outstanding moneys or equipment owing to the club, the transfer shall not be granted. In this instance, a new request should be sent to the Former Club after all obligations have been met.
- 9.1.3 Any such intended transfer must be effected at least two (2) matches prior to the end of the Qualifying Season provided the player has not played for the Former Club in the current season.



10.1.3.1 Players who have played for their Former Club during the current season cannot apply to be transferred after COB on the last business day of June.

9.1.4 Peel Hockey may enquire into the bona fides of any transfer if it is believed that such a transfer is to be temporary only, and in its discretion, may refuse to approve the transfer if it considers that such transfer is not bona fide.

9.1.5 Peel Hockey shall not consider an objection made by anyone other than the Former Club.

## 9.2 PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

9.2.1 'Playing member' shall be defined as:

9.2.1.1 A person who is financial with a Club for whom they played for the previous season.

9.2.1.2 A person who has registered as a playing member of a Club in the current season.

9.2.1.3 An unregistered person who is playing as an emergency or casual player, maximum 2 games before registering. A player who plays their 3<sup>rd</sup> game and hasn't registered will be considered an ineligible player and penalties may apply.

9.2.1.3.1 Club fine for playing unregistered/ineligible players – Fine \$50 per player

9.2.1.3.2 This player will not show on player's played list or be covered by HA compulsory insurance.

9.2.1.3 A person who has been cleared to another Club and whose transfer details have been supplied to Peel Hockey, notwithstanding that the player may not yet have commenced playing with such Club.

9.2.2 Provided the player is eligible to play in any competition match, a new member shall be deemed automatically approved if their name appears on the match report of the player's first match and their details (as per rules 3.3) have been entered into HockeyNet at least two business days prior to the team match details being entered into HockeyNet.

9.2.3 A person shall not be a Playing Member of more than one Club at any one time, without the approval of Peel Hockey except when that person is a member of a school team or a veteran's midweek team with one Club and in any other senior team of another Club.

9.2.4 Where a person is a Playing Member of two Clubs according to rule 9.2.3, the senior Club must notify Peel Hockey so that approval can be noted in HockeyNet.

9.2.5 No player shall participate in more than three (3) matches in the Peel Hockey competition across different age restrictions in one fixture weekend. Players are still only permitted to play two games in a weekend in a specific Competition.

For example

- A Junior player is permitted to play two (2) Junior matches in a weekend, plus an additional game in the Senior Competition.
- A Junior player is permitted to play one Junior match, and play in two (2) Senior matches under the two games in a weekend rule.
- A Masters player is permitted to play two (2) Masters matches in a weekend, plus an additional game in the Senior Competition.
- A Masters player is permitted to play one Masters match, and play in two (2) Senior matches under the two games in a weekend rule.

9.2.6 Where any player is suspended by their club or by another association for misconduct and Peel Hockey is advised by their club or the other association, then the player shall not be permitted to participate in any hockey game conducted under the auspices of Peel Hockey for the duration of their suspension.

9.3 **AGE:**

9.3.1 To play in a Senior Competition a player must have attained the age of (refer to 9.3.1.1 & 9.3.1.2) by 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year in which they wish to complete, unless otherwise approved by Peel Hockey. Written application must be lodged with Administrator 5 business days prior to game.

9.3.1.1 MEN'S: 14 years of age i.e. turning 15 in year of competition

9.3.1.2 WOMEN'S: 14 years of age i.e. turning 15 in year of competition

9.4 **GENDER** (refer to Hockey WA for Transgender Policy)

Peel Hockey Senior and Masters Competitions are gender specific. Junior Competitions are mixed gender unless determined by Peel Hockey.

## **10. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

### **10.1 GOVERNANCE**

10.1.1 Rules relating to selection of players, coaches, and officials for all Representative teams are governed by Peel Hockey policy

### **10.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

10.2.1 To be eligible for selection in a representative team, each player must be under that age as at 1 January in the year of the Championship.

10.2.2 To be eligible for selection in a Women's Masters overage team, each player must have attained that age as at 31 December in the year of the Championship.

10.2.3 To be eligible for selection in a Men's Masters overage team, each player must have attained that age as at 31 December in the year of the Championship.

### **10.3 FINANCE**

10.3.1 All persons selected, shall within seven (7) days of selection, pay to Peel Hockey the fee determined by the Board.

10.3.2 All other costs are the responsibility of the individual.

## **11. FINANCE**

### **11.1 AFFILIATION FEES SET BY PEEL HOCKEY**

The affiliation fees and levies payable annually by members to Peel Hockey for membership shall be ratified Peel Hockey Board. The affiliation fees and levies may be related to the number and grade of teams in the winter season nominated by a Club.

### **11.2 REDUCTION**

Peel Hockey may reduce the affiliation fees payable for a team or individual member when it considers it appropriate.

### **11.3 PAYMENT OF AFFILIATION FEES & INSTALMENTS**

One half of a Club's affiliation fees shall be payable no later than COB on a date determined by Peel Hockey. The balance of the Club's affiliation fees shall be paid no later than COB on a date to be determined by Peel Hockey.

#### **11.4 WITHDRAWALS**

When a team nomination is withdrawn by a Club and written notification is received by Peel Hockey less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the beginning of the winter season for that team then the nomination and/or affiliation fees for that team shall be as set out in the Fines Schedule (refer to Section 12).

#### **11.5 LEVIES**

Levies, team nomination fees and Representative Team nomination fees shall be payable on the date determined and advised by the Board from time to time.

#### **11.6 FINES**

All fines shall be payable by COB on the 14th day following the date on which they were imposed.

#### **11.7 FINANCE CHARGE AND SURCHARGE**

In the event that a Club fails to pay an affiliation fee, levy or fine in full by the due date for payment then a surcharge as per the Fines Schedule (refer to Section 12) shall also be payable.

11.7.1 In the event that a Club fails to pay any other money that is due and owing by it within sixty (60) days following the due date for tax invoice payment, then a finance charge calculated as the greater of \$10 per tax invoice monthly, or 1.5% of the amount due per tax invoice monthly, shall also be payable.

11.7.2 In the event that a player fails to pay any amount that is due and owing by him or her within sixty (60) days following the due date for tax invoice payment, then a finance charge calculated as \$10 monthly, irrespective of the quantum of the amount due, shall also be payable.

11.7.3 The due date for tax invoice payment (except as defined at 11.3, 11.5 and 11.6) shall be 30 days from the last day of the month in which the tax invoice was raised, unless otherwise modified by disclosure on the tax invoice itself or in any other rule on any nomination form.

#### **11.8 LATE PAYMENT**

If a Club fails to pay to Peel Hockey:

11.8.1 An affiliation fee, nomination fee, levy, fine or surcharge in full within fourteen (14) days following the due date of payment; or

11.8.2 Any other money that is due and owing by it within thirty (30) days following the due date of payment; and

11.8.3 Such failure continues for a period of fourteen (14) days after the date on which Peel Hockey makes demand in writing to the Club for payment of the amount outstanding then the Club shall:

- not be eligible to score points in any game thereafter or participate in any finals played by a team of that Club in any competition conducted by Peel Hockey;

#### **11.9 UNFINANCIAL PLAYER**

If a player fails to pay to Peel Hockey, an affiliated Club or Association or other State Association any money that is due and owing by the player within thirty (30) days following the due date of payment and such failure continues for a period of fourteen (14) days after the date on which Peel Hockey gives notice in writing to the player and the player's last known Club then:

- 11.9.1 The player shall not be eligible for selection in any representative Peel Hockey team;
- 11.9.2 That player shall be deemed to be an ineligible player for the purposes of the application of:
  - Senior Competition Rules Section 8 (“Player Qualification”)
  - Junior Competition Rules
  - Hockey 7’s (Summer & Winter Competitions)
- 11.9.3 Peel Hockey will not grant a clearance for that player to any other club, Association or Regional Association or to a Club in any other State of Australia.
- 11.10 All clubs must submit a list of their non-transferable players to Peel Hockey by 31 January in each the year of competition. This list will compose of players owing equipment or fees to the Club.
  - 11.10.1 This list will be used in the administration of transfers and it is the responsibility of clubs to ensure this list remains current.

## **12. FINES SCHEDULE**

### **12.1 GENERAL FINES**

- 12.1.1 If a team or a player contravenes a Rule for which no specific penalty is provided for then the club or player shall be liable to a fine of up to \$200.00 as determined by Peel Hockey.
- 12.1.2 Frivolous complaint. \$100.00.
- 12.1.3 The Fee to lodge a protest. \$100.00
  - 12.1.3.1 This Fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld, and be converted to a Fine to be applied to the offending team, in addition to any other Fine imposed.

### **12.2 MEETING FINES**

- 12.2.1 Failure of a Club to be represented at a General/Senior meeting. \$25.00.
- 12.2.2 Failure of a Club to be represented at an Annual General Meeting \$50.00

### **12.3 COMPETITION FINES**

- 12.3.1 Failure to notify intention of a forfeit (refer to Senior Competition Rule 3.1) \$90.00
- 12.3.2 Failure to be in registered uniform after 3<sup>rd</sup> playing date \$10 per player.
- 12.3.3 Failure to change uniform to alternate strip. \$25.00 per team.
- 12.3.4 Forfeit of a Final. \$100.00 per team
- 12.3.5 Playing an ineligible player in a qualifying game \$50.00 per player
  - 12.3.5.1 Any subsequent occasions in which the same team are found to be in breach of Peel Hockey rules, playing ineligible players again after the first fine, then this financial penalty will compound as follows: \$150 for second offence, \$300 for third offence etc....
- 12.3.5 Playing an ineligible player in a Final. \$100.00 per player.

### **12.4 MATCH REPORTING FINES**

- 12.4.1 Incomplete or incorrect match report sheet. \$25.00
- 12.4.2 Match report not submitted within requested time frame. \$25.00.
- 12.4.3 Failure to enter match results into HockeyNet by required time. \$25.00.
- 12.4.4 Failure to enter required player details into HockeyNet by required time. \$25.00.
- 12.4.5 Failure to supply all specified member information for the data base. \$50.00/team

## **12.5 UMPIRING FINES**

- 12.5.1 Failure of a club to supply umpire(s) for senior and junior grades (unless otherwise stipulated);
  - 12.5.1.1 First offence (See Definitions) of the allocated team failing to supply one (1) umpire - \$75.00 and 0.1 point
  - 12.5.1.2 Second and subsequent offences (See Definitions) of the allocated team failing to supply umpires - \$100.00 and 0.2 points per umpire
- 12.5.2 Failure to attend rules of Hockey session \$10 per absent player
- 12.5.3 Junior Umpiring Ruling (rule 4.2(d)) \$200.00 Club fine
- 12.5.4 Failure for club to have two players/team accredited at “Community Level” \$50/player

## **12.6 AFFILIATION, CLUB AND TEAM FINES**

- 12.6.1 Surcharge for late payment of affiliation fees, levies or fines. 10% of amount due.
- 12.6.2 Team withdrawal (in writing):
  - 12.6.2.1 14 days, but less than 28 days before fixtured games commence. 100% of team nomination fee.
  - 12.6.2.2 Less than 14 days before fixtured games commence. 100% of team nomination fee plus 50% of team fees.
  - 12.6.2.3 On the date or after fixtured games have commenced. 100% of team nomination fee plus 100% of team fees.

# **13. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES TRIBUNAL AND GRIEVANCES**

## **13.1 TRIBUNAL MATTERS**

- 13.1.1 The Tribunal shall hear any complaint or deal with any matter referred to it by Peel Hockey.
- 13.1.2 If a complaint is lodged in writing at the Peel Hockey office within seven (7) days of the date upon which the incident, the subject of the complaint, took place with a request that it be referred to the Tribunal, Peel Hockey shall cause a meeting of the Tribunal to be convened as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter and shall forthwith cause the persons and Clubs concerned to be advised of the substance of the complaint and the time, date and venue of the meeting of the Tribunal.
- 13.1.3 The Tribunal will not hear any eligibility complaints relating to the information contained in HockeyNet.
- 13.1.4 The Tribunal will not hear any complaints regarding the application of competition rules.

## **13.2 COMPOSITION**

The Tribunal shall be comprised of three members:

- 13.2.1 whom shall be either past or present members of the Board or persons who are or were Club officials.
- 14.2.3 A pool of approximately six (6) people shall be nominated to be called upon to sit on the Tribunal or to hear complaints as requested by Peel Hockey.

### 13.3 APPOINTMENTS

Peel Hockey shall select persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting. Peel Hockey shall nominate the Chairman of the Tribunal. A person shall not sit on the Tribunal if that person or that person's Club is involved in the complaint or matter before the Tribunal or is related to any of the parties.

### 13.4 POWERS OF TRIBUNAL

13.4.1 In the course of hearing or dealing with any complaint or matter referred to it the Tribunal may:

- 13.4.1.1 Require the attendance of any person before it;
- 13.4.1.2 Administer an oath and hear evidence;
- 13.4.1.3 Re-open or re-hear any complaint or matter previously dealt with by it;
- 13.4.1.4 If any person shall fail to answer any questions or shall act in an unseemly or obstructive manner, impose a fine not exceeding \$500 and may suspend that person from participating in a game of hockey administered by Peel Hockey for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months;
- 13.4.1.5 Impose a fine not exceeding \$500 on any person, Club who has, in the opinion of the Tribunal, made a complaint which is trivial, frivolous or vexatious;
- 13.4.1.6 Suspend any person from playing in a game of hockey, acting as a coach of a team or acting as a team official for any period and/or impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 on any person or Club who has in the opinion of the Tribunal contravened these Affiliation Rules, contravened any Rules of Peel Hockey, contravened the Rules of the game of hockey, brought the game of hockey into disrepute or failed to comply with any order or direction of the Tribunal;
- 13.4.1.7 Order the forfeiture of a game of hockey.

13.4.2 If the Tribunal determines to suspend any person from playing in a game of hockey for any period greater than twelve (12) months, the suspension for the period exceeding twelve (12) months shall not become effective until the determination has been ratified by the Board.

13.4.3 All decisions of the Tribunal shall be reported to the Board and the Board shall give effect to the decision. Each decision shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Board. Peel Hockey shall cause all persons and Clubs concerned to be notified of the Tribunal's findings and may choose to cause the nature of the complaint to be published, the decision itself and any other relevant facts unless the Board considers such publication is to be undesirable.

### 13.5 GRIEVANCES

13.5.1 The Board shall hear any grievance or deal with any matter that does not relate to the Powers of Tribunal subject to the following conditions:

- 13.5.1.1 Each Club shall be entitled to one referral to the Board within any calendar year. Should the issue be decided in favour of the referring Club or the Board is of the reasonable opinion that the referral was genuine and neither frivolous nor vexatious, then the referring Club shall retain their right of referral.
- 13.5.1.2 In order to refer an issue to the Board, a Club must pay a non-refundable referral fee of \$100 (inc. GST) and a hearing fee of \$400

(inc. GST). The hearing fee shall be refunded if the issue is decided in favour of the referring Club.

## **14. RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION**

- 14.1 No person(s) attending a Peel Hockey Event or Venue in any capacity should act towards or speak to another in a manner which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on the basis on that person's race, religion, colour, descent, national origin or ethnic origin.
- 14.2 In the event that it is alleged that a person has contravened rule 14.1 a Club Official or Representative may lodge a complaint in writing with the President of Peel Hockey. The complaint must outline the circumstances of the allegation against the person.
- 14.3 The President shall:
  - 14.3.1 Inform the person(s) alleged to have contravened rule 14.1 of the complaint and provide that person or person(s) an opportunity to respond to the allegations in writing;
  - 14.3.2 Identify and obtain written statements from any available witness;
  - 14.3.3 Refer the complaint to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal to be dealt with as a report of misconduct.

## **15. COMMENTS TO THE MEDIA**

- 15.1 To ensure that the best interests of the game are protected, the following directions have been issued regarding comments to the media or official formats of communication:
  - 15.1.1 Club officials, coaches and players are not to make derogatory comment(s) to the media about the performance of match officials, other clubs, officials, coaches or players. Any complaints should be made in writing to Peel Hockey. A breach of this directive may result in disciplinary action against that person or club.
  - 15.1.2 Match officials are prohibited from making any comment to the media in regard to any fixture, club, official, coach or player at any time. A breach of this directive may result in disciplinary action against that person.
  - 15.1.3 All Affiliated Clubs, Registered Players or Officials should not make comment to the media or post to web sites (including HockeyNet) or any other form of media any comments detrimental to the game or Hockey in general. A breach of this directive may result in disciplinary action against that person or body.
  - 15.1.4 For the avoidance of doubt all parties involved in the game should not make derogatory remarks against any other party involved in the game utilizing any form/format of media.
  - 15.1.5 For further information refer to Hockey WA Social Media Policy.
  - 15.1.6 For further information refer to Hockey WA Photography Policy.

## **16. FILMING OF GAMES**

- 16.1 Peel Hockey is authorised to film any hockey game played in any competition conducted by it and is authorised to use that film for promotional or training purposes or for any purpose it deems appropriate.

## **17. RULE CHANGES**

- 17.1 In accordance with clause twenty three (23) of its constitution the Board of Peel Hockey may, from time to time, make, alter and repeal the Rules of Peel Hockey.

- 17.2 Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in these rules, if the Board is of the opinion that there is good reason for not following the provisions of these rules then the Board may, at its discretion, vary the application of any of the rules.

## **18. RULES & POLICIES NOT COVERED IN THIS DOCUMENT**

- 18.1 For rules and policies not covered in this document, please refer to Peel Hockey or Hockey WA websites.

- 18.1.1 Please refer to Peel Hockey Rules relating to Peel Hockey competitions, Senior Competition,

- Junior Competition
- Social 7's
- Summer Hockey

- 18.1.2 Please refer to Hockey WA website for additional Resources and Policies