



# **Competitions & Events 2024 By-Laws**



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# Competitions & Events By-Laws: Intents & Purposes

## **A Authority**

These Competitions & Events By-Laws are made under clause 23 of the Constitution – 'By Laws of the Association'.

These By-Laws should be read in conjunction with all specific Competitions and Championship By-laws and FIH By-laws of Hockey.

The FIH By-laws of Hockey are an important source of information regarding how matches should be conducted. However, where the Competitions & Events By-Laws differ from the FIH By-laws of Hockey, then the Competitions & Events By-Laws will apply.

To the extent of any inconsistency with any other By-Law of Peel Hockey, these By-Laws prevail with regard to Competitions and Events.

## **B Purpose**

The Competitions & Events By-Laws are intended to:

- (a) encourage the largest amount of participation at all levels of our sport;
- (b) create an atmosphere of sportsmanship, equality and fair play; and
- (c) penalise Clubs who seek to gain an unfair advantage.

## **C Penalty Provision**

Where there is a prescribed financial penalty for a breach of any by-law in these By-Laws, the by-law will be designated in these By-Laws as a Penalty Provision. The amount of the penalty is set out in the Peel Hockey Penalty Provisions By-Laws.

## **D Definitions**

The defined terms used in these By-Laws are set out in **Appendix A**.

Where these By-Laws incorporate any by-law taken from the FIH By-laws of Hockey, Peel Hockey Competition & Events By-Laws, Hockey WA, Hockey Australia Australian Championship Operations Manual, Hockey Australia Tournament Regulations, Peel Hockey Codes of Behaviour or Peel Hockey Membership By-laws or By Laws and Policy Framework, these By-Laws\_ are taken to incorporate any updates or changes.

## **E Review**

The Competition By-laws Committee is responsible for determining the process by which these By-Laws and any Competition By-Laws are reviewed on a periodic basis.

Peel Hockey will seek and consider the Competition By-laws Committee's decisions when determining the application of the By-Laws.



## 1. Competition structure

- (a) Peel Hockey Competitions & Events include the following Competitions:

Senior Competition
Junior Competition
Social 7's Masters Winter Competition
Summer Hockey - Seniors
Summer Hockey – Juniors

- (b) Peel Hockey Events include Men's & Women's Country Championships and any special championships or events (carnivals) run by Hockey WA or Regional Associations.
- (c) Peel Hockey may create additional Competition or Events as required.

## 2. Conduct of matches

### 2.1 Club uniforms

- (a) To register a new Club's playing uniform, or change the playing uniform of an existing Club, written approval from Peel Hockey must be obtained prior to order. To ensure that uniform orders can be placed with a suitable time for manufacture, this approval should be obtained no later than 14 February in the year the 'new' uniform is to be implemented.
- (b) Club requests should be submitted with a coloured photograph/illustration, swatch of the material and relevant PMS numbers relating to the 'new' design for Peel Hockey approval.
- (c) For all Senior & Junior Competitions (unless otherwise approved by Peel Hockey) the playing uniform is to be numbered. The numbers is to be on the back of the playing strip, 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 20cm high.
- (d) Senior & Junior Competition By-Laws, the Club uniforms by-laws are as follows:

<b>Where both Teams have similar playing uniforms</b>	If the playing uniforms of both Teams in a match are so similar that it may lead to a possible confusion, the second named Team must wear an alternate contrasting uniform (shirt and socks). <b><i>This is a Penalty Provision.</i></b>  Peel Hockey will present to Clubs a list of uniform clashes that Clubs should be aware of for the upcoming season by 21 February.
<b>Skins, undergarments, and additional items of clothing</b>	Must be neutral coloured or one of the colours of the Team uniform.  Individuals may wear attire according to their religious beliefs providing it falls within FIH Guidelines and Health and Safety regulations.
<b>Goalkeepers</b>	Goalkeeper's over-shirt must be a different colour to the shirt colour of both teams. Overshirt must not include any team colour of either team.
<b>Uniform provision</b>	Individuals may wear the club uniform of their choosing as it aligns with their gender identity, so long as it abides by wider Hockey attire by-laws.  Individuals requiring uniforms (e.g. athletes, officials and coaches) are to be provided with an appropriate range of uniform styles and sizes to select from.  If gendered uniforms are necessary, the individual may choose which uniform they would prefer to wear.
<b>Recording a breach of these by-laws</b>	Timekeeper (or opposition Team managers where there is no Timekeeper) must record on the scorecard, all Players not in registered uniform by 3 <sup>rd</sup> fixtured round. Any special exception to by-law 2.1 will be at the discretion of the umpires <b><i>This is a Penalty Provision</i></b>
<b>Behaviour of Players when in uniform</b>	When in uniform, a Player must not behave on any occasion in a manner which reflects discredit to Peel Hockey. A breach of this by-law may result in expulsion of the Player(s) or Club concerned from Peel Hockey.



## 2.2 Venues

Venues seeking to comply with Hockey Australia guidelines for the inclusion of transgender and gender diverse people in community hockey should read through Hockey Australia “Guidelines for the Inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Community Hockey”

- (a) All Peel Hockey competitions must be played on an artificial surface or grass venue that has been approved by Peel Hockey.
- (b) Venues must meet the minimum criteria set out in Appendix B in order to host Peel Hockey matches.
- (c) A club may request to change its home ground venue in writing to Peel Hockey but may do so only with prior venue agreement.
- (d) Peel Hockey reserves the right to alter published fixtures if deemed necessary in the event that matches are affected by changes to venue availability or venues that do not meet the criteria as specified by Peel Hockey.
- (e) It is the right of individuals to use changing and bathroom facilities which best reflect their gender identity. The individual also has the right for privacy within those facilities.
- (f) Matches must be played at the fixtured venue unless by-law 2.3 applies. *This is a Penalty Provision.*

A written request for a reschedule must be received by Peel Hockey Administrator at least ten (10) days prior to the original fixture date as published and requests will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Should both teams agree to move a match to another date or time within that Fixture Week or another agreed day and time, Peel Hockey will action the change without any penalty imposed.

## 2.3 Match Postponement

- (a) If the weather or ground conditions are unsatisfactory, or there are any other extraordinary circumstances, a match may be postponed if both umpires agree.
- (b) If a team leaves the venue before a decision is made to postpone the match, they will forfeit the match
- (c) Where a match is postponed the following conditions apply:

Situation prior to postponement	Outcome
The match had not started or was abandoned before quarter time	Match will be replayed in full
The match was abandoned at any point between quarter time and three-quarter time	The remaining time will be completed at a postponed time and place
The match was abandoned after three-quarter time	The match will be considered complete, no postponement or replay

- (c) Any match needing to be replayed or completed will be carried out at a time and venue determined by Peel Hockey. The match must be completed within four (4) Fixture Weeks of the original date, or if the original date is within the last four (4) Fixture Weeks of the Qualifying Season, must be played before the last Fixture Week.
- (d) If during the course of a match a Team declines to continue the match or to take it up where it left off, or if at any time during a match the number of its Players on the field is fewer than seven (7), this Team will be deemed to have lost the match. The opposing Team will be deemed to have won with the score standing at the time or by a score of five (5) goals to nil (0), whichever is the greater.



## 2.4 Blood by-law

- (a) If a Player is bleeding, they must immediately leave the field to receive treatment (substitution may be made)
- (b) If the bleeding Player does not leave the field voluntarily or when asked, the umpire may suspend them for misconduct.
- (c) The Player may return to the field once the bleeding has been controlled, the wound covered, and any blood contaminated clothing changed. Managers need to have spare shirts available for Players.

## 3. Forfeits and withdrawals

### 3.1 Forfeits

The forfeit by-laws are as follows:

- (a) If a Team does not have at least seven (7) Players on the field at any time then it forfeits the match.
- (b) If a Team does not take the field within ten (10) minutes of the nominated starting time, it forfeits the game. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (c) If a Team forfeits a match, this will be recorded as having lost the game nil (0) goals to three (3), and the opposing Team is credited with three (3) premiership points.
- (d) A Team must not forfeit three (3) or more matches in a season. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (e) A Team intending to forfeit without attending the venue must notify the Peel Hockey office, the venue, the umpires or Club responsible for umpiring and phone contacts of the opposing Club, by midday on the last business day prior to the fixture. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
  - (i) To forfeit a match without attending the venue, the Team must have fewer than seven (7) Players available. Teams that attend a venue with more than seven (7) Players in attendance may still forfeit a match, but this decision must be made at the venue.
  - (ii) Should a Team forfeit a match, without complying with this sub-by-law (d), it will be responsible for all associated costs including administrative, ground hire and umpiring charges. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
  - (iii) The penalty for failure to comply with this sub-by-law (d) will not apply if a Team attempts to field a side but finds, on arrival at the ground, that they do not have the required minimum number of Players present.
- (f) When a Team forfeits or abandons a match after the match has started, it will be deemed to have lost the game. If the Team was losing at the time of the forfeit, goals scored for and against each Team will stand, or a three (3) goals to nil (0) result will be awarded to the opposing Team, whichever results in a greater goal difference in favour of the non-forfeiting Team.
- (g) If the forfeiting Team was winning or scores were level at the time of the forfeit, a three (3) goals to nil (0) result will be awarded to the non-forfeiting Team.

### 3.2 Withdrawals

- (a) When a Team withdraws after the commencement of the Winter Season all points and goals scored in matches involving that Team prior to its withdrawal are cancelled.
- (b) When a Club has more than one Team in a Competition and wishes to withdraw a Team from a grade, it must withdraw the lowest grade in which it is represented in that Competition.



## 4. Officiating

### 4.1 Provision of officials/umpires

- (a) Clubs shall provide umpires as directed by Peel Hockey. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (b) Club appointed umpires shall endeavour to wear appropriate clothing or meet official umpiring dress code, unless advised by Peel Hockey.
- (c) Peel Hockey Panel umpires shall be given precedence over all other umpires at any match, and along with Peel Hockey appointed Technical Officials shall be considered as delegates with the authority of Peel Hockey during the progress of a match, and as such, should be afforded proper respect.
- (d) Peel Hockey Panel umpires shall wear the prescribed uniform.
- (e) It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that an individual appointed by that Club is at a sufficient level of confidence and competence to perform the allocated umpiring duty. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
  - (i) No umpire under the age of 18 years is permitted to umpire a Senior Fixture unless they have received accreditation to umpire a senior game OR
  - (ii) Is accompanied by a qualified mentor and senior co-umpire
  - (iii) Failure of a club to adhere to By-law 4.1(e) ***Is a Penalty Provision***
- (f) It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that an individual appointed by that Club to an allocated umpiring duty behaves in accordance with the Peel Hockey Codes of Conduct. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (g) A minimum of five (5) players from each SENIOR team will be required to attend an Association sanctioned by-law of hockey interpretation session. Failure for the Club to have the required number attend ***is a Penalty Provision***
- (h) Each club will be required to have two (2) people achieve Community Level Umpire accreditation each year. ***This is a Penalty Provision which may be imposed.***

## 5. Reportable Incidents, Misconduct & Suspensions

### 5.1 Reportable Incidents

- (a) All Clubs, coaches and other Club Officials, Players and umpires are, by reason of their participation in or presence at a match, bound by and must comply with the Sports Integrity Policies (see definition in Appendix A.)

A person may be reported by any other person to Peel Hockey for an alleged breach of, or for conduct prohibited by, a Sports Integrity Policy.

- (b) In the event of excessive harassment of an umpire by coaches, Club officials or supporters, the umpire (or Technical Official where applicable) has the power to stop the match, call both captains and ascertain whether the offending person(s) is a coach, Club official or supporter.
- (c) The procedure and consequences of harassment are as follows:

Offender engaged in harassment	Procedure and consequence
Coach or Club official	The offender's name and Club should be written on the match report and the relevant captain asked to warn the offender that if the harassment persists, the game may be terminated, with the result of the match reflecting the score at the time the match is terminated.
Spectator	The official(s) must bring the offence to the attention of the match day official and the match day official must deal with the offender in an appropriate manner. Discretion is to be used with regards to when the offence is brought to the attention of the match day official, and the manner in which the offender is dealt with.



- (d) A Player may be reported to Peel Hockey by the umpire or opposing Team captain if they:
  - (i) disputed the decision of any umpire;
  - (ii) used insulting or abusive language before, during or after the match;
  - (iii) performed a deliberate act contrary to fair play;
  - (iv) caused interference or attempted to cause interference with the control exercised by an umpire during a match; or
  - (v) acted in a manner likely to bring discredit on the game of hockey
- (e) A report under clause 5.1 (a) or clause 5.1 (d) must be in the form of a Complaint Form and must be lodged with Peel Hockey no later than five (5) Business Days after the occurrence of the incident that is the subject of the report.
- (f) Peel Hockey may of its own volition and discretion (and regardless of the receipt or otherwise of a Complaint Form) investigate any match and if thought fit deal with any incident in that match under and in accordance with clause 5.1  
  
Peel Hockey in its unfettered discretion may dismiss or choose not to investigate a Complaint.
- (g) If Peel Hockey chooses to investigate a Complaint, it will be dealt with under and in accordance with the Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy by:
  - (i) imposition of a ban from participation in matches (which may or may not be suspended);
  - (ii) imposition of a ban;
  - (iii) mediation;
  - (iv) the issue of a warning;
  - (v) reference to the Tribunal for determination;
  - (vi) any combination of the above; or
  - (vii) no action being taken.

To remove any doubt, Peel Hockey has no obligation to refer a Complaint to the Tribunal unless Peel Hockey in its unfettered discretion considers that there is good cause for so doing.
- (h) A decision or determination by Peel Hockey or by the Tribunal in relation to a Complaint is final and binding and is not subject to review by any person.
- (i) If in respect of any incident in any match two (2) Clubs reach agreement on an outcome and Peel Hockey is satisfied that it is reasonable, the matter will be finalised, and the outcome will be recorded and implemented. That outcome is final and binding and is not subject to review by any person.





## 5.2 Misconduct cards

A breach of the FIH By-laws of Hockey may be dealt with in one of the following ways:

Action	Misconduct card	Duration of suspension for offending player	Imposition on offending Team
Verbal warning	None	No suspension	The Team does not play with any less Players
Warning / Temporary suspension	Green card	Two (2) minutes	The Team plays with one (1) less player
Temporary suspension	Yellow card	A minimum of five (5) minutes	The Team plays with one (1) less player
Permanent suspension	Red card	The remainder of the match, the next following Fixture Week for which they are available, and they may face a tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalties are to be incurred	The Team plays with one (1) less player for the remainder of the match.

- (a) Misconduct cards cannot be contested after the fixture match except in the case of mistaken identity. A Player seeking to complain about mistaken identity in relation to a misconduct card may lodge a protest with Peel Hockey, which will in its unfettered discretion deal with the matter itself or refer the matter to the Tribunal.

A decision or determination by Hockey WA or by the Tribunal is final and binding and is not subject to review by any person.

- (b) For further explanation of green, yellow and red cards and the procedure attached to each refer to **Appendix B**.

## 5.3 Suspensions

- (a) Peel Hockey will notify Clubs whose players are suspended, either through accrual of yellow cards or as a direct result of a red card, with a minimum twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to the next fixtured match.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, a Player will be available for a game unless the Player is serving one of the following:

Misconduct card	By-law (also refer to Appendix D)
Yellow card	When a Player accumulates three (3) yellow cards in any Peel Hockey Competition during the Competition season, a one (1) Fixture Week suspension from all Peel Hockey Competitions will take effect upon notification by Peel Hockey
Yellow card	For every additional two (2) yellow cards a player receives in any Peel Hockey Competition during the Competition season, a two (2) Fixture Week suspension from all Peel Hockey Competitions will take effect upon notification by Peel Hockey
Yellow card	When a Player accumulates two (2) yellow cards in any Peel Hockey Competition during a Finals series, a one (1) Fixture Week suspension will take effect in the next following Fixture Week for which they are available
Red card	The Player will be suspended for the next following Fixture Week for which they are available

- (c) A Player who is suspended may participate in an Australian Championship or Australian Representative Team and must serve their suspension on their return.
- (d) For the purpose of Finals, all yellow cards will be removed from a Player's record at the end of the Qualifying Season. If at the end of the Qualifying Season a Player is due for suspension under by-law 5.3, then the suspension will be served in the next following Fixture Week for which they are available.
- (e) A player who has been suspended/received a Red Card during the season shall be ineligible to receive an Association Fairest & Best Award or Spectator's Choice Award.



## 6. Player qualification/Transfers

### 6.1 Eligibility for transfers

- (a) Clubs and Associations must provide Peel Hockey with a current list of non-transferable players by January 31st in the year of competition. This list should include all players that have outstanding moneys (including fees) or equipment owing to the Club or Association.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Peel Hockey will make this list of non-transferable players accessible to Clubs and from no later than February 10th in the relevant year and throughout the winter season.
- (d) Players that are not on the list of non-transferable players are eligible to transfer to a new Club which may be in a different Association.
- (e) Players that are on the list of non-transferable players are not eligible to transfer to a new Club or Association until they have fulfilled their obligations to the former club or Peel Hockey.
- (f) Clubs must ensure that Peel Hockey is updated as to changes to their list of non-transferable players after January 31st in the year of competition.

### 6.2 Process for transfers

- (a) Players wishing to transfer between the start of the season and the end of the 4th round of their respective competition are not required to seek the approval of Peel Hockey.
- (b) If the Player has not played for the Former Club in the current season, the transfer request must be received at least two (2) matches before the end of the Qualifying Season has ended.
- (c) If the Player has played for the Former Club in the current season, the transfer request must be received before COB on the last business day in June.
- (d) The process for a Player to request a transfer is as follows:

Step	Description
1	Obtain a transfer form signed by an office bearer of the club that they have played for in that season ( <b>Former Club</b> ).
2	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.
3	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 Peel Hockey, and Peel Hockey will notify the Former Club of the due date for a response, which shall be two (2) Business Days after the notification is received.
4	Peel Hockey will grant the transfer if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Former Club responds with the signed transfer request form within the required time frame; or</li> <li>(ii) the Former Club does not respond to Peel Hockey or the Player within the required time frame notified by Peel Hockey under Step 3.</li> </ol>
5	Peel Hockey will not grant the transfer if the Former Club responds to inform Peel Hockey that the Player has outstanding moneys or equipment owing to the Club.
6	If Peel Hockey does not grant the transfer, the player wishing to transfer must ensure all obligations are met and send a new request to the Former Club.

- (e) Peel Hockey may enquire into any transfer if it suspects that such a transfer is unreasonable or to be temporary only and, in its discretion, may refuse to approve the transfer.
- (f) Peel Hockey must not consider an objection to a transfer made by anyone other than the Former Club.



### 6.3 Player eligibility

- (a) To play in a Peel Hockey Competition, a Player must be registered through the Online Portal to a Club. This includes payment of all levies from Hockey Australia and/or Hockey WA and Peel Hockey as applicable.
- (b) Such registration should occur prior to that player playing their first match. Emergency/Casual players are required to be registered prior to playing their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) match. Failure to do so will result in the Player being classified as an unregistered player (refer to by-law 10.1) **This is a Penalty Provison.**
- (c) A player may play in a junior game and a senior game on the same weekend for different clubs provided both clubs are in agreement and have notified their agreement to Peel Hockey. If a player wishes to play for a different club on the same weekend in seniors and juniors and the two clubs are not in agreement with this then that player will not be permitted to play for different clubs unless prior written approval from Peel Hockey is obtained. In approving or refusing any such application Peel Hockey shall have regard to the intent expressed in these by-laws of encouraging the largest amount of participation in the sport of hockey.
- (d) Where a person is a Playing Member of two Clubs according to by-law 6.3 (b), the Senior Competition Club must notify Peel Hockey so that approval can be noted in the Online Portal.
- (e) A player may play in a midweek masters' game and a senior or weekend masters' game in the same Fixture Week.
- (f) A postponed, rescheduled or replayed match will be deemed to have been played on the date originally fixtured, and during the relevant original Fixture Week.
- (g) Subject to any player eligibility provisions in the By-Laws of a Competition, no Junior player shall participate in more than two (2) matches in the Peel Hockey competition across different age restrictions in one fixture weekend. A junior Player may play a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) match in a Fixture Week if at least one of the matches is as a field player and at least one of the matches is as a goalkeeper.

Note: A non-exhaustive list of examples of a Player permissibly playing in multiple games in a Fixture week is outlined below:

Example	Description
1	A Junior player is permitted to play two (2) Junior matches in a weekend under the two games in a weekend by-law, plus an additional game in the Senior Competition.
2	A Junior player is permitted to play one (1) Junior match, plus then play in two (2) Senior Competition matches in that weekend under the two games in a weekend by-law.

- (h) In the event a Player contravenes Competitions & Events By-Law 6.3(f):
  - (i) That Player shall be deemed an ineligible player:
    - in accordance with any By-Law in that Competition which is applicable in the circumstances; or
    - where the Player has played matches in multiple Senior Leagues, then in accordance with any By-Law in the Competition in which they have played multiple Senior matches; or
    - where the Player has played two (2) or more matches in multiple Senior Competition, then in accordance with any By-Law in the Senior Competition in which they have represented the Club on the fewest occasions.
  - (i) Where any Player is suspended by their club or by another association for misconduct and Hockey WA is advised by their club or the other association, then that Player is not permitted to participate in any hockey game conducted under the auspices of Hockey WA for the duration of their suspension. This is a Penalty Provision.



## 6.4 Age

Junior Players playing in the Senior Competition must have attained the following age, unless otherwise approved by Peel Hockey on written application by Club President or Secretary

- ❖ MENS's Competition – 14 turning 15 years of age in year of competition
- ❖ WOMEN'S Competition – 14 turning 15 years of age in year of competition

## 7. Gender

Individuals seeking more information on Hockey Australia's guidelines for the inclusion of transgender and gender diverse people in community hockey should read through Hockey Australia "Guidelines for the Inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Community Hockey". Peel Hockey encourages all interested parties to do so.

- (a) An individual may participate in a competition that best reflects their gender identity. This is in accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth), which explains that it is unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status. Clubs and associations should have in place well-established practices of grading and the selection of players to:
  - (i) Address any relevant disparity of players;
  - (ii) Protect the health and safety of participants; and
  - (iii) Provide fair and meaningful competitions.
- (b) Such practices should be applied consistently across all players when considering varying skill levels.
- (c) Peel Hockey Senior competitions are run under two categories:
  - (i) Men's competitions
  - (ii) Women's competitions

As a part of their registration to a club, individuals of any gender identity shall identify which category of competition they will be participating in. Those individuals that tick "male" shall only play in the men's competition, and those individuals that tick "female" shall only play in the women's competition. Those individuals that identify outside of these two options may choose their category based upon their preference.

## 8. Finance

### 8.1 Team 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 **Penalty Provisions**.

### 8.2 Unfinancial player

- (a) If a player fails to pay to Hockey WA, Peel Hockey, an affiliated Club or Association or other State Association any money that is due and owing by the player within fourteen (14) Calendar Days following the due date of payment and such failure continues for further period of fourteen (14) Calendar Days after the date on which Peel Hockey gives notice in writing to the Player and the player's last known Club or Regional Association, then:
  - (i) the player will not be eligible for selection in any representative Peel Hockey team; and
  - (ii) that player is deemed to be an ineligible player for the purposes of the application of:

By-laws	Definition
Senior Competition By-Laws Section 4.5 Finals Qualifications	'Player Qualification'
Junior Competition By-Laws Section 4.5 Finals Qualifications	



- (b) Peel Hockey will not grant a clearance for that player to any other club or Regional Association or to a Club in any other State or Territory of Australia.
- (c) 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:
  - (i) state the players owing equipment or fees to the Club; and
  - (ii) be used in the administration of transfers and it is the responsibility of clubs to ensure this list remains current.

## 9. Match reporting

- (a) Each Team is responsible for completing a scorecard for each match it plays, unless the match sheet is controlled by a Timekeeper/Technical Officer. Peel Hockey will provide the scorecard to Teams prior to the commencement of the game.
- (b) Each scorecard must record:
  - (i) the result of the match played;
  - (ii) a list of Players (both surname and first names) in the Team completing the match report;
  - (iii) details of misconduct cards received by individual Players;
  - (iv) details of goal scorers;
  - (v) details of Player roles (Goalkeepers = GK, Import Players = I, Double Up Players = D, State Replacement Players = S, and Permit Players = P. Multiple codes may be entered);
  - (vi) names and Club (if applicable) of umpires who officiated; and
  - (vii) all injuries or incidents that have occurred during the match.
  - (viii) Umpires: Associations Fairest & Best 3, 2, 1
- (c) In the event of a forfeit, no scores should be entered for either Team. Only the result should be entered. Team lists should be entered for both Teams that reflect the Players available for the match.
- (d) If a Player does not take the field, they must be removed from the match report or indicated as 'did not play' (DNP).
- (e) ***Unless otherwise advised the following by-laws apply.***  
The result of the match must be entered on the Online Portal by the first named Team (unless otherwise advised by Peel Hockey) in the fixture by 1.00pm on the first business day after the fixture is played.
- (f) Specified Team match details must be entered on the Online Portal by the respective Teams (unless otherwise advised by Peel Hockey) by 1.00pm on the first business day after the fixture is played.
- (g) Specified Team match details on the Online Portal must include:
  - (i) a list of Player (both first name and surname) in the Team completing the scorecard;
  - (ii) misconduct cards received by individual Players;
  - (iii) goal scorers (own goals are not to be recorded against Players' names);
  - (iv) Player roles (e.g. goalkeeper or captain) are to be marked
  - (v) Status (e.g. Double Up, Permit Player must be marked using a "1" in the relevant section.
- (h) It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure that their opposing Team's details have been entered correctly on the Online Portal. Should the Online Portal not reflect the copy of the match report, a Team can enter a 'Dispute'.
- (i) The original match report sheet must be retained until 30 November of the year in which the match was played.
- (j) By-laws 9(b), (d), (f), (g), (h) and (j) are ***Penalty Provisions.***



## 9.1 Match disputes

- (a) If a Team disputes the match reporting information entered on the Online Portal, as set out in by-law 9, a protest must be made in writing and submitted to the Peel Hockey office within fourteen (14) days of the match with the accompanying Protest Fee.
- (b) In the event of a match reporting dispute each Team must send their original match report to the Peel Hockey office within seven (7) days of the protest. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (c) Any dispute relating to the last two (2) rounds of the Qualifying Season and Finals matches must be lodged within two (2) business days of the match, with the accompanying Protest Fee.
- (d) The details of the imposition of any penalty will be forwarded by Peel Hockey in writing to the Club(s) involved. If a Club wishes to protest against the imposition of any such penalty, then a protest is to be made in writing and submitted to the CEO within fourteen (14) days.
- (e) Should an error on the Online Portal not be protested or otherwise corrected within two (2) weeks of the date of publication, the Online Portal will be deemed to be correct.

## 10. Unregistered and Ineligible players

### 10.1 Unregistered players

- (a) A Player is an unregistered player if they do not meet the player qualification by-laws set out in by-law 6.3(b)
- (f) Should a Team be found to have played an unregistered player in a match during the regular season a fine will be imposed. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (e) Any unregistered player will be deemed not to have played in the game for the purposes of qualifying for the Finals.
- (f) An unregistered player will be classified as an ineligible player in any Finals fixture.

### 10.2 Ineligible Player

- (a) A Player is an ineligible player if:
  - (i) they do not meet the player qualification by-laws set out in by-law 5.
  - (ii) are expressly deemed to be an ineligible player by any By-Law
- (b) Team can only use Players who were eligible to play on the original nominated date. This is Penalty Provision, which applies per Player breach.
- (c) Any ineligible player will not be removed from the Match Report but will have their participation in the match deducted for the purposes of qualifying for Finals.
- (d) Any protest relating to ineligible players must be made by the opposing Team in writing and submitted to the Peel Hockey office within five (5) days of the match with the accompanying Protest Fee.

Should submission of the protest form be delayed due to information on the Online Portal not being inputted, then Hockey WA will accept submissions within two (2) days of the date the Online Portal is updated.

- (e) A protest relating to the last two (2) rounds of the Qualifying Season and Finals matches must be lodged within two (2) business days of the match with the accompanying Protest Fee.
- (f) If Peel Hockey believes that there is good cause for doing so, then it may investigate any match at Peel Hockey's discretion through random audits, regardless of receipt of a protest.
- (g) Should a Team be found to have played an ineligible player, they shall receive a Forced Loss for the relevant match. Non-offending team score will reflect three (3) goals to nil (0) unless the original score reflects a greater goal difference. ***This is a Penalty Provision***



- (h) Should both Teams in a match field ineligible player(s), both teams shall receive a Forced Loss, however, neither Team will receive any points, and nil (0) goals will be recorded against both Teams. ***This is a Penalty Provision***
- (i) In the event of the false recording of a Player name on a match report the offending Team will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and shall receive a Forced Loss. ***This is a Penalty Provision.***
- (j) A Player who plays under a false name and the person whose name that Player plays under will be deemed not to have played in the game for the purposes of qualifying for Finals (***see respective by-law in the relevant Competition.***)
- (k) If a Team plays an ineligible player or records a false Player name on the match report in a Final, it loses the Final.
- (l) Should the opposing Team also have fielded an ineligible player in a Final, then neither Team will win the Final, and nil (0) goals will be recorded against both Teams. In this instance, how the result impacts other Finals within that division will be decided by Peel Hockey.
- (m) Association Fairest & Best votes allocated to the non-offending team's player/s shall stand for award purposes.
- (n) If a team or player contravenes a By-law for which there is no Penalty Provision, then the club or player shall be liable to a fine as per Penalty Provision by-law.
- (o) If Peel Hockey believes there is good cause for doing so, then it may reinstate some or all of the premiership points which have been penalised.

## 11. Premiership table

- (a) Subject to any By-Law relating to Forfeits or Forced Losses. Teams will be awarded three (3) premiership points for a win, one (1) premiership point for a draw and nil (0) premiership points for a loss.
- (b) The Team finishing first at the completion of the Qualifying Season in each grade is the Season Premier for that competition.
- (c) Where two (2) or more Teams have played in an equal number of fixtures and have an equal number of premiership points, their relative positions on the premiership table will be decided:
  - (i) firstly, on goal difference. Goal difference is determined by subtracting the goals scored against a Team from the goals scored by it (e.g. 40 goals scored by the Team and 20 goals conceded by the Team, gives a goal difference of +20);
  - (ii) then if still equal, by the most number of goals scored for;
  - (iii) then if still equal, on the number of matches won;
  - (iv) then if still equal, by the highest total of goals scored when the Teams play each other during the Qualifying Season;
  - (v) then if still equal, by the tossing of a coin.
- (d) Where two (2) or more Teams have played an **unequal** number of matches at the end of the Qualifying Season but **have an equal premiership percentage**, their relative positions on the premiership table will be decided:
  - (i) firstly, by the highest total of goals scored when the Teams played each other during the Qualifying Season;
  - (ii) then if still equal, on goal difference;
  - (iii) then if still equal, by the highest ratio of total goals scored for per game played;
  - (iv) then if still equal, by the highest ratio of matches won per game played;
  - (vi) then if still equal, by the tossing of a coin



- (e) Clubs querying or wishing to correct the premiership table must do so in writing to Peel Hockey. Changes will not be made without confirmation from Clubs directly affected by the correction.
- (f) Should an error on the premiership table not be queried or otherwise corrected within two (2) weeks of the date of publication of that premiership table, the premiership table will be deemed to be correct.

## 12. Situations not covered by these By-Laws

- (a) Peel Hockey must consider the intent and purpose of these By-Laws so that they may be applied in any given situation.
- (b) Any situation not provided for explicitly in these By-Laws will be referred to Peel Hockey for consideration and determination.
- (c) In the event of serious disruption to Peel Hockey competitions and events caused by unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to: natural disasters; pandemics; epidemics; or war, Peel Hockey shall determine in consultation with the Competition By-laws Committee how the competition or event will be conducted.

## 13. Seeking an unfair advantage

- (a) Clubs or Teams who deliberately seek to gain an unfair advantage will be subject to a penalty.
- (b) For example, Clubs or Teams that collude or conspire to predetermine the results of any match will be deemed to be seeking an unfair advantage.
- (c) This by-law 8 is a Penalty Provision.

## 14. Fines and Penalties table

Where any by-law confers discretion to determine a fine or penalty, the decision maker will be guided by the following decision matrix:

Level of breach	Example
Minor breach	Procedural breach only
Medium breach	Has the potential to operate to the detriment of another Club or Team
Serious breach	Wilfully attempting to gain an unfair advantage, to the detriment of another Club or Team





## Appendix A: Defined terms

**Association** and **Peel Hockey** all refer to the name of the Peel Hockey Association (Inc.) and its Staff, Board and Committees.

**Business Day** means a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday, or Public Holiday) in Perth, Western Australia.

**Casual Player** means a player who isn't a part-time or full-time player. This Player must register before playing their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) game.

**Club** means any Affiliated Club

**Competition** means any competition sanctioned by Peel Hockey.

**Competition By-Laws Committee** means the Committee appointed by Peel Hockey to provide advice in relation to by-laws made by Peel Hockey in relation to Competitions.

**Complaint** means an incident described in a Complaint Form (for example, an alleged breach of a Sport Integrity Policy of an incident reported under by-law 5.1(d)

**Complaint form** means such form dealing with complaints as is from time to time adopted and published by Hockey WA

**Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy** means such policy dealing with complaints, disputes and discipline as is from time to time included in any Sports Integrity Policy

**Division** refers to the specific ways in which each League controlled by Hockey WA is separated. These are outlined for each specific League within their own specific by-laws.

**Event** means any special championship or event run by Peel Hockey for Peel Hockey, Hockey WA or Hockey Australia purposes.

**Emergency Player** means a player who is filling in on an emergency basis. This Player must register before playing their third (3<sup>rd</sup>) game.

**FIH** refers to the International Hockey Federation.

**Final** refers to any of the series of matches played at the end of the Qualifying Season to determine the Premier.

**Fixture Week** refers to a period during which a set of fixtures for that Competition takes place, as set out in Peel Hockey's season calendar.

**Forced Loss** is the result of a match where a team has contravened a prescribed provision in these or League By-Laws, in which case:

- (a) the Team that committed the contravention and against which the Forced Loss is assessed shall be awarded zero (0) premiership points;
- (b) the Team that has not committed a contravention will be awarded three (3) premiership points;
- (c) the score of the match shall be deemed a three (3) goals to nil (0) in favour of the non-offending Team, unless the original score of the match (prior to the assessment of the Forced Loss) reflects a greater goal difference in favour of the non-offending Team, in which case that original score shall apply; and
- (d) the Team against which the Forced Loss has been assessed shall incur a penalty in accordance with the Penalty Provisions By-Law.
- (e) Association Fairest & Best votes allocated will not be awarded to a player in the offending team.



**Media** means any form of media or social media such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Instagram etc.

**Members** are the Clubs and Schools affiliated with Peel Hockey.

**Online Portal** refers to the online Competitions, fixtures and results portal used by Peel Hockey.

**Penalty Provision** means a by-law which if breached could result in the imposition of a financial penalty (usually a fine).

**Player** refers to any player regardless of their position, includes field players and goalkeepers.

**Playing Member** means:

- (a) a person who is a financial member of a Club for whom they played for in the previous season;
- (b) a person who has commenced playing for, or has been registered as, a playing member of a Club in the current season; or
- (c) a person who has been cleared to another Club and whose transfer details have been supplied to Peel Hockey, even if that the player may not yet have commenced playing with such Club.

**Protest Fee** refers to a payment made by the club initiating the match dispute or ineligible player protest to Peel Hockey. This payment is refundable should the dispute or protest be successful.

**Qualifying Season** is the round matches played prior to the Finals series.

**Regular Grade** is the grade in which a player has played most of their matches 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 matches in more than one grade, his/her Regular Grade will be the higher of those grades.

**Rules of Hockey** means the current edition of the FIH Rules of Hockey.

**Senior Competition** refers to the Senior Turf & Grass competitions.

**Special Rules** refers to the by-laws set out in specific competition by-laws, and are special to a particular grade.

**Sport Integrity Policies** means such policies dealing with the standards of conduct and ethical behaviour both on and off the pitch and the health and wellbeing of participants in hockey as are from time to time:

- (a) binding on Hockey WA; and/or
- (b) adopted and published by Hockey WA

**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.

**Tribunal** means the sub-committee of the Peel Hockey (currently called the "Protests and Disputes Tribunal") appointed under Peel Hockey's constitution to deal with any matter referred to that sub-committee arising from any match played in a Competition.

**Winter Season** means a Winter Season Competition run by Peel Hockey, including junior & senior Competitions, the first day of which will be the date of the first match of the Competition and the last day of which will be the date of the grand final match of the Competition for that season.



## Appendix B: Green, yellow and red misconduct cards

Further explanation of the by-laws and procedure attached to a green card is as follows:

Explanation	Procedure
The offending player is temporarily suspended for two (2) minutes.	The offending player must leave the field immediately and the suspension commences when the player is seated in a place designated by the umpires, Technical Officer or ground controller. The umpire will immediately restart the game and if the offending player interferes with play whilst leaving the field, the umpire will further penalise the player in accordance with the By-laws of Hockey.

Further explanation of the by-laws and procedure attached to a yellow card is as follows:

Explanation	Procedure
The offending player is temporarily suspended for a minimum of five (5) minutes.	<p>The timing of yellow card suspensions is determined by the umpire that issued the card. The offending player must leave the field immediately and the suspension commences when the player is seated in a place designated by the umpires, Technical Officer or ground controller. The umpire will immediately restart the match and if the offending player interferes with play whilst leaving the field, the umpire will further penalise the player in accordance with the By-laws of Hockey.</p> <p>If a player receives a second yellow card (for the same offence) in the same game, the player is not permitted to take any further part in the game.</p> <p>When a player accumulates three (3) yellow cards in any Peel Hockey Competition during the Competition season, a one (1) Fixture Week suspension from all Peel Hockey Competitions will take effect upon notification by Peel Hockey.</p> <p>For every additional two (2) yellow cards a player receives in any Peel Hockey Competition during the Competition season after the fourth caution, a two (2) Fixture Week suspension from all Peel Hockey Competitions will take effect upon notification by Peel Hockey.</p> <p>For the purpose of Finals, all yellow cards will be removed from a player's record at the end of the Qualifying Season. When a player accumulates two (2) temporary suspensions (yellow cards) in any Peel Hockey Competition during finals series, a one (1) Fixture Week suspension will take effect upon notification by Peel Hockey.</p>

Further explanation of the by-laws and procedure attached to a red card is as follows:

Explanation	Procedure
The offending player is suspended for the remainder of the match.	The offending player must leave the field of play for the remainder of the match.
They are also suspended for the next following Fixture Week for which they are available, and they may face the tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalty/penalties are to be incurred.	<p>Should the umpire consider it necessary, they may require the offending player to leave altogether the venue where the match is being played.</p> <p>The umpire who issued the red card must submit a report on the incident to the Peel Hockey office within 72 hours of the offence occurring.</p>