



AFFILIATION BYLAWS 2010

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1 DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 In these by-laws, unless contrary intention appears:
 - 1.1.1 "Competition" means senior competition played during the winter season and controlled by Peel Hockey: refer to bylaw 12.4 (age restrictions)
 - 1.1.2 "Committee" refers to a Committee that is set up by Peel Hockey to carryout delegated functions or powers of Peel Hockey.
 - 1.1.3 "FIH" refers to the International Hockey Federation
 - 1.1.4 "Fixture week" refers to the period from Friday to Thursday inclusive
 - 1.1.5 "HA" refers to Hockey Australia
 - 1.1.6 "HockeyNet" refers to the online membership/competitions package used by Peel Hockey and Hockey WA.
 - 1.1.7 "Hockey WA" refers to the name of the Western Australian Hockey Association Inc. and its staff, board & committees.
 - 1.1.8 "Home Club" refers to the first mentioned team in the fixture schedule.
 - 1.1.9 "Policy" refers to guiding principles set down and endorsed by the relevant Committee or Board.
 - 1.1.10 "Teams" means a number of players registered with a club and designated by that club to represent it in a scheduled match in the competition.

2 GENERAL

- 2.1 These By-laws are to be read in conjunction with the Constitution of Mandurah Hockey Stadium Inc. trading as Peel Hockey regulations and the rules of the Game of Hockey as issued under the authority of the joint International Hockey Rules Board. Unless otherwise stated, these by-laws apply to all hockey games played in the competitions conducted by Peel Hockey.
 - 2.1.1 Within these by-laws there is reference to The Director, The Administrator and The Records Clerk. These positions are to be read as those positions already established in the Association.
 - 2.1.2 Any schedules attached form part of these By-Laws.
 - 2.1.3 At each adoption of any amendments to these By-Laws, they will be renumbered so as to maintain simplicity and numerical order.
 - 2.1.4 Refer to Senior Committee Charter regarding meetings, attendance and voting rights.

3 ADMINISTRATION OF BY-LAWS

- 3.1 The Executive of the Senior Committee set up by the Association will determine interpretation of these By-laws.

4 NOTICE:

4.1 INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED

- 4.1.1 Each Club shall by the 1st February in each year, or in the case of any change within ten (10) days provide to the Association Administrator the following information in writing:
- 4.1.2 The name, address, email and telephone number of the President, Secretary and Treasurer;
- 4.1.3 A postal address to which notices or correspondence can be sent;
- 4.1.4 An email address to which notices or correspondence may be sent.
- 4.1.5 Names and email addresses of delegates & proxies for senior committee meetings.

4.2 NOMINATIONS:

- 4.2.1 Each Club within the Association shall notify the Administrator by the 25th February (email from President or Secretary will be accepted) the number of teams and divisions being nominated by the Club, and that Clubs home ground.
- 4.2.2 Payment of nomination fee is due by the 25th February.

4.3 GIVING NOTICE:

4.3.1 If any information, notice or demand is:

- 4.3.1.1 Delivered or mailed to the postal address of the Club, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club four (4) days after delivering or mailing to that address;
- 4.3.1.2 Sent to the email address of the Club, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club four (4) days after being sent to that address.
- 4.3.1.3 Faxed, it shall be deemed to have been received by the Club if shown as successful on a fax transmission report.

4.4 DATA BASE

- 4.4.1 By the 15th May in each season, clubs shall supply to the Administrator, the specified information required by Peel Hockey in respect of all of its current players, coaches and officials.
- 4.4.2 The specified information shall be supplied in a format nominated and advised by Peel Hockey from time to time;
- 4.4.3 The specified information required shall include the person's *gender*, first name, surname, residential address, postcode, date of birth.
- 4.4.4 Additional information – contact phone number and email address is preferred but not compulsory.
- 4.4.5 Provided they are eligible to play in any competition match, a new member shall be deemed automatically approved provided details as per bylaw 4.4.3 appears on the score card or details are emailed to the Administrator at least two business days prior to the game.
- 4.4.6 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 for each team entered by it in the Peel Hockey winter competition. Before a fine can be imposed Peel Hockey must give the club fourteen (14) days prior written notice that this rule has not been complied with.

5 CLUB ADMISSION AND RESIGNATION

5.1 ADMISSION

- 5.1.1 The Peel Hockey Board shall ratify the entry of new Clubs.
- 5.1.2 Application for admission of a Club shall be made in writing to Peel Hockey.
- 5.1.3 Applicants shall be given a copy of the Peel Hockey Constitution, the bylaws of Peel Hockey and the Member Protection Policy and in the application for admission, must agree to be bound thereby.
- 5.1.4 When applying for submission, a Club shall submit for approval their proposed ground, colours, uniform and state how they propose to sustain the Club's existence.

5.2 RESIGNATION:

- 5.2.1 Any Club wishing to resign from Peel Hockey shall advise its intention in writing to the President.
- 5.2.2 If a Club is forced to disband during the season, all points awarded in matches played by that Club shall be cancelled and providing it is financial with Peel Hockey, its members may then be registered with other Clubs.
- 5.2.3 If unfinancial, the Senior Committee shall levy those individual members applying for re-registration.
- 5.2.4 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.
- 5.2.5 If a Club resigns before completion of the season, all matches played by any of that Club's teams shall be cancelled.

6 AMALGAMATIONS/MERGERS OF CLUBS: Refer to Hockey WA Affiliation Rules

7 CHANGE OF CLUB NAME: Refer to Hockey WA Affiliation Rules

8 POWERS AND DUTIES OF CLUB

- 8.1 Clubs do not have the power to represent Peel Hockey
- 8.2 Clubs shall comply with the requests of Peel Hockey.
- 8.3 Clubs shall comply with:
 - 8.3.1 The Constitution of Peel Hockey
 - 8.3.2 The bylaws of Peel Hockey, The Member Protection Policy as adopted by Peel Hockey & Hockey WA and amended from time to time.
 - 8.3.3 The Member and Player insurance policy as adopted by Peel Hockey & Hockey WA and amended from time to time.
 - 8.3.4 All other policies as determined from time to time by Peel Hockey
- 8.4 No member of a member Club shall institute any hockey challenge cup or competition without the prior authority of the Association.

PROVISION OF OFFICIALS

UMPIRES

- 8.5 Clubs shall provide umpires as directed by Peel Hockey.
- 8.6 When a Club is designated to provide an umpire or umpires for a game and that Club fails to provide such umpires or umpires for that game then the Club shall be subject to:
 - 8.6.1 The fines for each umpire not provided as set out in the Fines Schedule 27.5.2
 - 8.6.2 An amount set annually by the Senior Committee is to be paid to the substitute umpire, via the Association Administrator.
- 8.7 All Umpires when appointed, by their club, shall endeavour to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. When umpiring on the turf, umpires must wear official umpire's shirts/jackets
- 8.8 An Umpire appointed by a Club to perform allocated umpiring duties must have played at a level equal to or higher than the division they are umpiring unless the umpire is an accredited umpire or permission has been obtained from Peel Hockey.
 - 8.8.1 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 of that division from Peel Hockey or
 - 8.8.2 Is accompanied by a qualified mentor and senior co-umpire.
 - 8.8.3 Failure of a club to adhere to rule 8.8.1/8.8.2 will be subject to the fine as set out in Fines Schedule 26.5.3
- 8.9 Umpires appointed by Peel Hockey shall be given precedence over all other umpires at any match and shall wear the prescribed uniform.
- 8.10 An Association appointed umpire or technical officer shall be considered as a delegate with the authority of the Association during the progress of a match and proper respect due to them. Their rulings during the progress of the match shall be final and shall not be the subject of dispute or argument.
- 8.11 Umpires/Technical Officers are to check players' shirt numbers on cards before the commencement of all games.
 - 8.11.1 Technical Officers, Umpires (where there is no Technical Officer), Senior Committee Executive or Administrator must record on the scorecard, all players not in registered uniform (includes suitable footwear) after the 3rd fixture date of the season. Failure to wear correct uniform will incur a fine as per Fines Schedule 27.3.2

- 8.11.2 Any special exception to the rules as to playing in uniform shall be at the discretion of the Senior Committee Executive on written application.
- 8.12 A minimum of five (5) players from each team in the Association will be required to attend an association sanctioned rule of hockey and/or interpretation session. Failure to attend will be subject to the fine as set out in the Fines Schedule 27.5.1
- 8.13 Each club will be required to have two (2) people from single gender club and two (2) men and two (2) women from mixed gender clubs to achieve Community Level. Those clubs not achieving the requested target will be fined \$50.00 per person short.
- 8.14 Any payment for panel umpiring is to be set by the Senior Committee annually
- 8.15 Failure of the allocated umpire(s) to attend the game shall not give cause to request re-fixturing of the match.
- 8.15.1 Where the allocated Umpire(s) fails to arrive by the scheduled starting time a replacement Umpire(s) shall be sourced by the competing teams. Failure to source a replacement Umpire(s) shall result in the competing teams nominating a player(s) to undertake umpiring allocation. Failure of team to supply an umpire shall result in the forfeiture of the match.
- 8.15.2 If the allocated umpire(s) arrive after the commencement of the match, they may take the place of the replacement umpire(s) upon the agreement of both teams.
- 8.16 If a panel umpire does not attend the match for which they are scheduled, or provide an eligible substitute, the Club to which they belong will be fined as per by-law 27.5.2

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- 8.17 Peel Hockey may appoint technical officers to control matches in any grade. The function and powers of the technical officers are as outlined in the HA Australian Championship Operations Manual and as determined from time to time by Hockey WA.
- 8.18 No player may enter the playing arena without the consent of the Technical Officer unless they are wearing their team's correct playing uniform and they display the correct number on their shirt.
- 8.19 Where a Technical Officer is present, the captain or manager of each team must accurately complete the match sheet clearly indicating the starting eleven (11) and return it to the Technical Officer at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled start time of the game. The minute of the match that an interchange player enters the field for the first time shall be entered on the card by the Technical Officer.
- 8.20 The Technical Officer shall allow up to a maximum of four (4) non-playing persons on a team bench during a game including the coach, assistant coach, manager and any qualified medical staff plus up to five (5) reserve players.
- 8.21 The Technical Officer can require any person on a team bench who engages in loud or offensive behaviour to withdraw from the playing arena.

9 CLUB UNIFORMS

- 9.1 No existing Club may change its playing uniforms without prior written approval from Senior Executive Committee. Each club shall advise any change to its registered uniform to the Administrator prior to the Senior Committee February Meeting.
- 9.2 A coloured photograph/illustration of the "new" design is to be submitted to the Administrator for approval.

- 9.3 Each new Club shall apply to register its uniform by forwarding to the Administrator prior to the Senior Committee February meeting in the year of the Club's first season a coloured photograph/illustration of the design for approval.
- 9.4 If the playing uniforms of both teams in a game are so similar that it may lead to possible confusion, the second named team in the game shall wear a contrasting uniform (shirts and/or socks). Failure to wear alternate colours will incur a fine as per Fines Schedule 27.3.3.
- 9.5 The wearing of any peaked cap is not permitted unless they are made of a soft flexible material.
- 9.6 Only sport safe lenses may be worn when playing.
- 9.7 Technical Officers, Umpires (where there is no Technical Officer), Senior Committee Executive or Administrator must record on the scorecard, all players not in registered uniform (includes suitable footwear) after the 3rd fixture date of the season. Failure to wear correct uniform will incur a fine as per Fines Schedule 27.3.2
- 9.7.1 Any special exception to the rules as to playing in uniform shall be at the discretion of the Senior Committee Executive on written application by Thursday 5pm prior to the game.
- 9.8 Bicycle pants shall be no longer than a player's skirt/shorts, and in the club's registered colour. Skins - black or tan - are acceptable (no patterns)
- 9.9 Goalkeepers are to wear an over shirt that is of a colour contrasting to the shirt colour of both teams.
- 9.10 Each player's uniform is to consist of a number on the back of their shirt, which shall be of the same size, but no smaller than twenty (20) cms and clearly visible. Players are not required to keep the same number all season; however per game no two players playing in the same team, can have the same number.
- 9.11 When in uniform, no player shall behave on any occasion in a manner which reflects discredit on Peel Hockey, Hockey WA or player's Club.
- 9.12 Breach of bylaw 9.11 may invoke expulsion of the player, players or Club concerned from Peel Hockey.

10 PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

10.1 TRANSFERS:

- 10.1.1 A club ("New Club") cannot play a player who has previously played for another club ('Former Club') in the Peel Hockey competition in the previous 12 months unless the Senior Director or Administrator is notified by 5pm on the Thursday prior to the player's first game that:
- 10.1.2 Peel Hockey will not give its approval unless it is satisfied that there are no fees or equipment owing to the former club. The list of non-transferable players as provided by the clubs will be used when approving the transfer.
- 10.1.2.1 Provided the player requesting a transfer does not appear on the list of non-transferable players, the transfer will be granted and notification will be sent by Peel Hockey to the Former Club and New Club.
- 10.1.2.2 Should a player requesting a transfer appear on the list of non-transferable players, an office bearer of the Former Club must give prior written consent to effect the transfer.
- 10.1.2.3 The Former Club has three (3) working days to respond to any request at which point the transfer will be granted.

10.1.3 Any such intended transfer must be effected at least four (4) matches prior to the end of the qualifying season provided the player has not played for the Former Club in the current season. Players who have played for their Former Club during the current season cannot be transferred after 30 June.

10.1.4 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 trans is not bona fide.

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

11 PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS:

11.1 'Playing Member' shall be defined as:

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

11.1.2 A person who has commenced playing for, or has been registered as, a playing member of a Club in the current season.

11.1.3 A person who has been cleared to another Club after the end of the previous season and whose transfer details have been supplied to Peel Hockey, notwithstanding that the player may not yet have commenced playing with such club.

11.2 Provided they are eligible to play in any competition match, a new member shall be deemed automatically approved provided their Full Name, Address, Date of Birth appears on the result card or details are emailed to the Recorder at least two business days prior to the game.

11.3 Willow Bridge players playing in the Peel Hockey winter competition can only play in a Division 1 game. Metro Men's 2 players, can play no lower than the Division played in previous year. This rule does not prevent an eligible player from playing in the junior competition.

11.4 AGE: To play in a senior ladies competition a player must be twelve (12) years of age by 1 January in the year in which they wish to compete. To play in a senior men's competition a player must have attained the age of fourteen (14) to be eligible to play. If a player is turning 14 in the year in which they wish to compete, a club must make written application to the Administrator for the player to be assessed. The Administrator will advise the club whether permission has been granted.

11.4.1 If in any way a Club contravenes this rule, then the "Junior" player(s) becomes an ineligible player in that player's fixtured game and the appropriate penalty will be applied (refer to Bylaw 13.)

11.5 GENDER: Peel Hockey competitions are gender specific.

11.6 On a team bye day, no more than two (2) players who have played more than half of their previous fixtures in a higher division team in the starting eleven (11), may play in a lower division team, unless permission has been granted by the Executive of the Senior committee after a written application has been lodged by the Tuesday prior to that match. This by-law is only applicable after the first four (4) fixtures of the season.

11.7 A person shall not be a Playing Member of more than one club/association at any one time, without the approval of Peel Hockey

11.7.1 Except when that person is a member of a school team or veteran's midweek team with one club and in any other senior team of another club;

11.7.2 Provided that person isn't playing in the same division as a Peel Metro team and

- 11.7.2.1 They reside within the Peel Hockey Region; and
- 11.7.2.2 They have previously played for a member club of the Association and
- 11.7.2.3 The Administrator has received written acknowledgement from their metro coach that they are aware the player is also playing in a regional association competition.
- 11.7.2.4 Players can only play in a Division 1 team.
- 11.7.2.5 Clubs must apply to the Senior Committee Executive each season for approval.
- 11.7.2.6 The application must be forwarded to the Administrator by Thursday prior to the player's first game.
- 11.7.2.7 If a player plays without approval, it will be considered that the team has played an ineligible player – refer to bylaw 13.

TWO GAMES IN A WEEK

- 11.8 No player will be eligible to play in the starting eleven (11) in more than one team per fixture week, except
 - 11.8.1 Players qualified to play in a lower numerical division i.e. have played more than half of their games at that time in the lower grade, may be listed in the starting eleven (11) players on two (2) scorecards in the same fixture week if they are taking the place of a State player/official who is unavailable through their own State selection trials or touring commitments. This by-law is applicable for three (3) playing weeks or the duration of the tour, whichever is the shorter.
 - 11.8.2 Should a Metropolitan Team player be injured during their Metropolitan fixture they can be replaced in their Club team fixture game by a player from a lower numerical division who has already been listed in the starting eleven (11) in that lower division. The substitute player can be listed in the starting eleven (11) in the higher division without penalty only for the fixture week in which the injury occurred.
 - 11.8.3 The higher grade is to clearly indicate the player playing in two (2) fixtures.
- 11.9 As a “permit” player;
 - 11.9.1 Goalkeeper permit (automatic) – A player may play two (2) games in the same fixture week if that player assumes the role of goalkeeper in one of the games.
 - 11.9.1.1 A goalkeeper registered in a lower grade may also be a goalkeeper in a higher grade in the same fixture week a maximum of four (4) times, before a written request for permission to the Senior Director or Administrator is required.
 - 11.9.1.1.1 Written requests must be received by Thursday 5pm prior to the fixture game.
 - 11.9.1.1.2 Bylaw 22.3 applies in regards to finals.
 - 11.9.1.2 If a player plays as a field player and a goalkeeper throughout the season, that player can qualify for two finals, BUT can only qualify in a final for the position in which the player has played in that grade throughout the year.
 - 11.9.1.3 In exceptional circumstances Peel Hockey may grant permission for a player to play in two games in a fixture week. Peel Hockey will not give permission unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
 - 11.9.1.4 The “Permit” player/s must be clearly indicated on the second score card by a “P” next to their name.
 - 11.9.1.5 If in any way a Club contravenes this rule, then the “Permit” player (s) becomes an ineligible player in that player's second or later fixtured game regardless of the grade and the appropriate penalty will be applied (refer to Bylaw 13.)

- 11.10 Where a player is suspended by their club or by another Association for misconduct and Peel Hockey is advised by their club or other Association, the player shall not be permitted to participate in any hockey game conducted by Peel Hockey or Hockey WA for the duration of their suspension.

12 CONDUCT OF MATCHES

- 12.1 The fixture week is deemed to be Friday through to the following Thursday.
- 12.2 Double headers named as such, will be classed as two (2) fixture rounds. All other divisions will be deemed to be on a bye week.
- 12.3 Subject to these rules all games must be played on the date and time and at the ground nominated unless prior approval of Peel Hockey is obtained.
- 12.4 A match shall consist of two (2) periods of thirty-five (35) minutes and a half-time interval of five (5) minutes. A maximum period of ten (10) minutes may be added for delays or interruptions but the match shall conclude at a time which is the earlier of:
- 12.4.1 five (5) minutes before the scheduled commencement of the next match scheduled to take place on the same field: or
 - 12.4.2 Eighty-five (85) minutes after the commencement of play.
- 12.5 For matches, each team shall provide at least one (1) white hockey ball of FIH standard requirements in serviceable condition to the satisfaction of the umpires. A coloured ball may be used with agreement of both teams and both umpires.
- 12.6 Teams can comprise up to 16 players of which a maximum of 11 players (including any players who have been suspended by the Umpires) may be allowed on the field of play at one time. Players may be interchanged (refer to Substitution bylaw 15.1) at any time except during penalty corners. Each team must play with either:
- 12.6.1 A goalkeeper with goalkeeping privileges wearing full protective equipment comprised of at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and a different coloured shirt;
 - OR
 - 12.6.2 A goalkeeper with goalkeeping privileges wearing only protective headgear and a different coloured shirt and socks.
 - 12.6.2.1 The goalkeeper is restricted to movement within their defensive 23m area.
- The FIH Rule that allows teams to play without a goalkeeper does not apply to any Hockey WA or Peel Hockey Competition.***
- 12.7 No team shall commence play with less than seven (7) players in uniform, one (1) of these players must have secured protective headgear.
- 12.7.1 In the event of any team being unready or unwilling to commence play within five (5) minutes of the scheduled time, the match shall be forfeited in favour of the team that is ready to play. This is to be documented on the scorecard and signed by both umpires.
- 12.8 A team with less than eleven (11) players may add extra players during the progress of the game until the full compliment of eleven (11) is reached. For players' numbered twelve (12) to sixteen (16) (refer to Substitutions bylaw 15.1).
- 12.8.1 All players' names must be on the scorecard, prior to the umpires and team captains signing the scorecard.
- 12.9 If a player is injured and cannot be moved from the field the game is, if possible, to be moved to an adjacent field. If this is not possible or the game cannot be recommenced within 20 minutes, the game is to be re-played on another day organised by the Association. Refer to bylaw 12.10.2.

- 12.10 Where the weather or ground conditions are unsatisfactory or due to any other extraordinary circumstances a game may be postponed if both captains agree or, failing agreement, one captain and both umpires agree.
- 12.10.1 If the game does not start or if less than twenty (20) minutes playing time has been played, the game will be replayed in full.
- 12.10.1.1 Any fixture that is postponed will be replayed at a time and venue determined by the fixture committee in consultation with both clubs.
- 12.10.2 If more than 20 minutes of the game has been played before the game is stopped, and is not resumed within 20 minutes, it must be rescheduled for a time and on a ground arranged by the Association, in consultation with both Clubs, subject to the following:
- 12.10.2.1 The match must be completed up to the regulation full time, with the time from the commencement of the original match until the interruption being taken into account.
- 12.10.2.2 The score upon resumption shall be the score standing at the time of the interruption.
- 12.10.2.3 Upon resumption, both teams may only field players who were named on the original game card for that match. The by-laws for substitutions shall apply as if there had not been any interruption of the match. In special circumstances teams can apply in writing to the Association to allow a change of players. No new player may compete in the match until ratified by the Senior Director or Association Administrator.
- 12.10.2.4 A postponed or replayed game shall be deemed to have been played on the day originally appointed
- 12.10.2.5 If a team refuses to complete a match when it has been resumed or rescheduled, that team shall forfeit the match and the bylaws for forfeiture shall apply.
- 12.11 If an electrical thunderstorm develops prior to a match the umpires will discuss the severity of the storm and potential likelihood of abandonment or delay in commencing time. If the situation arises during a match, the umpires will confer and discuss the severity of the storm and if it is deemed too dangerous to continue play, they will call time-on and players and officials will be evacuated to their change rooms.
- 12.11.1 Play will resume once the danger has passed, provided it is no longer than 20 minutes from when time-on was called.
- 12.11.2 If the break is longer than 20 minutes the game is officially abandoned and the outcome of the game is as per score when time-on was called.
- 12.12 If during the course of a game a team declines to continue the game or to take it up where it left off, or if at anytime during a game the number of players on the field is fewer than seven (7), this team will be deemed to have lost the game and the opposing team to have won the game with the score standing at the time, or by a score of 3-0 whichever is the greater with respect to goal difference.

13 PENALTIES FOR PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 13.1 Should a team playing an ineligible player win or draw the game, the penalty shall be forfeiture of the game. The points shall be allocated to the opposing team and in addition, the team shall be penalised a further three (3) premiership points. The opposing team shall be awarded the game with a score of 3 - 0. Goals scored and Fairest & Best votes shall be allocated for the opposing team only. If the team lost the match it shall be penalised three (3) premiership points. Goals scored for and against each team shall stand or a three (3) goals to nil (0) result shall be awarded to the opposing team, whichever results in a greater goal difference to the non-offending team.

- 13.1.1 Fairest & Best votes allocated to the non-offending team's players shall stand for award purposes and:
- 13.1.2 A fine will be applied as per fines schedule 26.3.4
- 13.2 Should the opposing side also have fielded an ineligible player, then neither team shall receive any points and a 3-0 loss and three (3) penalty premiership points shall be recorded against both teams.
- 13.3 If the Senior Committee Executive believes that there is good cause for doing so, then it may reinstate some or all of the premiership points, which have been penalised under bylaw 13.1.
- 13.4 Penalties may only be applied within four (4) weeks of the fixtured match in which the ineligible player played. In the case of the last four (4) weeks of the fixtured season, penalties must be finalised by the Wednesday prior to the final series beginning. Any penalties occurring within the final series must be dealt with by the Wednesday following the match.

14 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 14.1 Each team shall select eleven (11) players for each game and list them one (1) to eleven (11) on the scorecard, one of whom must wear secured protective headgear. Each team may select up to five (5) other players for each game from the same or lower numerical division whose name(s) shall appear on the score card, numbered twelve (12) to sixteen (16) should they take the field to act as interchange or substitution in that game. A player may only be named twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) once in a fixtured week. One (1) or more of the five (5) substitutes may enter the field of play at any time after the commencement of the game providing the full compliment of eleven (11) players has been reached (Refer bylaw 14.2 & 14.3) and except during penalty corners.
- 14.2 Should a substitution take place within the first fifteen (15) minutes of the game, then that substitute player is unable to play in a lower numerical division for that fixture. Unless:
 - 14.2.1 Substituting for a player who in the opinion of the umpire, has sustained an injury requiring medical attention off the playing field; or
 - 14.2.2 An injury that prevents the player from taking any further part in the game. If such substitution takes place then this must be noted on the scorecard.
- 14.3 Should a player play in the starting eleven (11) of any team in a fixture week, that player is unable to take the field in any higher division unless:
 - 14.3.1 Fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed; or
 - 14.3.2 Substituting for an injured player as per bylaw 14.2.2

15 FORFEITS and WITHDRAWALS

- 15.1 A team intending to forfeit must notify the Association Administrator, the Umpires or the Club responsible for umpiring, and phone contacts (or one of the Club officers listed in the fixture book) of the opposing Club/Team by 12 noon on Wednesday prior to the fixture. Failure to notify all required personnel shall incur a fine as set in the Fines Schedule
 - 15.1.1 The fine for failure to do so will not apply if a team attempts to field a side but finds on arrival at the ground that there is not the required number of players present. Should a club forfeit a game on turf they will be responsible for all associated costs including ground hire and umpiring charges unless both teams agree to play a scratch match.
 - 15.1.2 In the case of a fine being issued for failure to notify of intention to forfeit within the specified time and a turf timeslot not being filled due to said forfeit, the forfeiting team are still liable for the turf costs and the Senior Committee is to pay the turf costs of the team being forfeited to.

- 15.2 The team receiving the forfeit must submit a score card by the Tuesday following the scheduled time of the game. The first eleven (11) players noted on the card shall be deemed to have played the fixture.
- 15.3 If a team does not have at least seven (7) players on the field at any time then it shall forfeit the game.
- 15.4 If a team is not ready to commence a game within five (5) minutes of the nominated starting time, it shall forfeit the game.
- 15.5 The result for the team receiving the forfeit shall be three (3) points plus a goal score of three (3). The team forfeiting the game will receive zero (0) points and goals scored against will be three (3). If a team forfeits bylaw 11.5 relating to bye teams apply.
- 15.6 When a club has more than one team and wishes to withdraw a team, it must withdraw the lowest grade in which it is represented.
- 15.7 When a team is withdrawn after the commencement of the season all points and goals scored in games involving the team prior to the withdrawal are to be cancelled including fairest and best votes and goal scorers.

16 MISCONDUCT

- 16.1 All Clubs, players and team officials shall agree to abide by the Hockey WA Codes of Behaviour. Any Club, player or team official considered by Peel Hockey to be in breach of any Codes of Behaviour may be fined or suspended or otherwise penalised as decided by the Peel Hockey Protest & Disputes Tribunal.
- 16.2 In the event of excessive harassment of an Umpire or Technical Officer by coaches, Club Officials or supporters, the umpire (Umpire Mentor or Technical Officer were applicable) shall have the power to stop the game, call both Captains and ascertain whether the offending person(s) is a coach, Club official or supporter.
 - 16.2.1 If the offender is a coach, club official or supporter, his/her name and club should be written on the scorecard and the Team Captain or Coach asked to warn the offender that if the harassment persists, that the captain may be removed from the field of play without replacement and/or the game may be suspended and allocation of points shall be decided by the Protest & Disputes Tribunal.
- 16.3 A player may be reported by the umpire or opposing team coach or manager if they have:
 - 16.3.1 Disputed the decision of any umpire;
 - 16.3.2 Used insulting or abusive language before, during or after the match;
 - 16.3.3 Performed a deliberate act contrary to fair play;
 - 16.3.4 Caused interference or attempted to cause interference with the control exercised by an umpire during a match; or
 - 16.3.5 Acted in a manner likely to bring discredit on the game of hockey
- 16.4 The following personnel shall also have the power to report any player, team official or supporter for misconduct or any breach of the Peel Hockey Rules:
 - 16.4.1 An official Umpire's Coach or Mentor whilst in an observing capacity;
 - 16.4.2 A member of the Peel Hockey Senior Committee;
 - 16.4.3 A member of the Peel Hockey Board;
 - 16.4.4 A Peel Hockey employee;
 - 16.4.5 A Club Executive member of the opposing team (on club letterhead).

MISCONDUCT CARDS

- 16.5 Any breach of the FIH Rules of Hockey, Hockey WA Constitution, Hockey WA Rules or Peel Hockey Bylaws shall be dealt with, where applicable, with the imposition of either a:
- 16.5.1 Green Card - Warning
 - 16.5.2 Yellow Card – Temporary Suspension
 - 16.5.3 Red Card – Permanent Suspension
 - 16.5.4 Misconduct charge against a participant
- Misconduct cards can not be contested after the fixtured game except in the case of mistaken identity.
- 16.6 Peel Hockey will regulate and administer, via Recorder, temporary suspensions as follows.
- 16.6.1 When a player accumulates four (4) yellow cards (temporary suspensions) during the competition season, a one fixture week suspension from all Peel Hockey games is imposed as determined by Peel Hockey.
 - 16.6.2 For every additional three(3) yellow cards (temporary suspensions) a player receives during the competition season after the fourth caution, a two (2) fixture week suspension is imposed from all Peel Hockey games as determined by Peel Hockey.
 - 16.6.3 If at the end of the qualifying season a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply to the finals series unless otherwise advised by Peel Hockey.
 - 16.6.4 For the purpose of finals, all temporary suspensions (yellow cards) will be removed from a player's record at the end of the qualifying season. When a player accumulates two (2) yellow cards during the Peel Hockey final series, a one week suspension is imposed from all Peel Hockey games as determined by Peel Hockey.
 - 16.6.5 If at the end of the finals a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply from the commencement of the following winter competition season unless otherwise advised by Peel Hockey.
 - 16.6.6 Peel Hockey will notify clubs whose players are suspended with a minimum twenty-four (24) hours notice prior to the next fixture game.
- 16.7 In the event of a player receiving a permanent suspension (Red card), the umpire concerned must submit a written report on the incident to the Administrator within forty eight (48) hours of the offence occurring.
- 16.7.1 The Player will be suspended for the next following fixture week for which they are available; and
 - 16.7.1.1 The Player may face a tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalty/penalties are to be incurred. The President will decide if a tribunal hearing is required.
 - 16.7.2 A player who has received a Red Card during that season shall be ineligible to receive an Association Fairest and Best Award.
 - 16.7.3 If at the end of the season a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply from the commencement of the following winter competition season unless otherwise advised by Peel Hockey.
- 16.8 GAME SUSPENSIONS
- 16.8.1 A player shall be deemed to be available for a game unless they are:
 - Representing Peel Hockey in a Hockey WA fixture game;
 - Participating in a State Representative team, or
 - Serving a suspension imposed by the Protest & Disputes Tribunal.

17 BLOOD RULE:

17.1 BLOOD BORNE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

17.1.1 If a player is bleeding they must immediately leave the field to receive treatment (substitution may be made in line with the Rules of Hockey that govern substitutions).

17.1.2 the player may return to the field once bleeding has been controlled, the wound must be covered and in line with FIH guidelines, blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before returning to the field. Managers need to have spare shirts available for players.

17.1.3 If the bleeding player does not leave the field voluntarily, or when asked, the umpire may suspend the player for misconduct.

17.2 Cleaning of the Playing Area:

17.2.1 Synthetic Turf - If an area on the field becomes contaminated with blood, the umpire must stop the game. The blood must be mopped up and the area washed with soapy water using a long handled broom and again washed with clean water (this is the Umpires responsibility when playing on artificial surfaces).

17.2.1.1 Equipment Required:

- 2 plastic buckets
- 1 mop
- 1 broom
- Detergent
- Disposable protective gloves.

17.2.2 Grass Field - If an area on the field becomes contaminated with blood, the umpire must stop the game. The area should be cleaned so there is no chance of contamination.

18 SCORECARDS

18.1 A match report system of result checking shall be used.

18.1.1 The team listed first in the fixtures is responsible for providing the scorecard.

18.1.2 The card shall record:

18.1.2.1 The result of the match played;

18.1.2.2 A list of players (both surname and first names);

18.1.2.3 Player shirt numbers;

18.1.2.4 Details of misconduct cards received by individual players;

18.1.2.5 Details of goal scorers;

18.1.2.6 Name and club of the umpires who officiated.

18.2 In games played at venues other than Halls Head Pharmacy Stadium, the team listed first in the fixtures must email or SMS the Administrator by 9am Tuesday the result of the game played.

18.3 The team listed first in the fixtures must forward the scorecard so that it reaches the Administrator by the Wednesday after the match was played.

18.4 Umpires are responsible for ensuring:

18.4.1 Fairest and Best votes for the Association and each team are recorded on the scorecard. The point allocation shall be three (3), two (2) and one (1) with the highest points given to the best player. The player with the most votes at the end of the fixture rounds, excluding the finals series, shall be declared the Association Fairest and Best player for that division;

18.4.2 Penalty cards awarded to players are recorded on scorecards.

- 18.5 In the event of the false recording of a name on a scorecard the offending team shall forfeit the fixture and shall be penalized a further three (3) points

19 PROTESTS AND DISPUTES TRIBUNAL in consultation with Hockey WA Rules:

19.1 COMPOSITION:

- 19.1.1 The Tribunal shall comprise of three members who shall be either present members of the Board, Committee or persons who are current Club Officials.
19.1.2 A pool of approximately ten (10) people shall be nominated to be called upon to sit on the Tribunal or to hear complaints as requested by Peel Hockey.

19.2 APPOINTMENTS

- 19.2.1 The President shall select persons to constitute the Tribunal for each sitting. The President 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.

19.3 COMPLAINTS

- 19.3.1 The Tribunal shall hear any complaint or deal with any matter referred to it by Peel Hockey.
19.3.2 The Tribunal will not hear any eligibility complaints relating to the information contained on HockeyNet.

19.4 POWERS OF TRIBUNAL

- 19.4.1 In the course of hearing or dealing with any complaint or matter referred to it the Tribunal may:
19.4.1.1 Require the attendance of any person before it;
19.4.1.2 Re-open or re-hear any complaint or matter previously dealt with by it;
19.4.1.3 If any person shall fail to answer any questions or shall act in an unseemly or obstructive manner, impose a fine not exceeding \$200 and may suspend that person from participating in a game of hockey administered by Peel Hockey for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months;
19.4.1.4 Impose a fine not exceeding \$200 on any person or Club who has, in the opinion of the Tribunal, made a complaint which is trivial, frivolous or vexatious;
19.4.1.5 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 \$400 on any person or Club who has in the opinion of the Tribunal contravened these Affiliation Bylaws, contravened and Rules of Hockey WA, 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;
19.4.1.6 Order the forfeiture of a game of hockey.
- 19.4.2 If a complaint is lodged in writing to the Administrator within five (5) 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 in writing of the substance of the complaint and the time, date and venue of the meeting of the Tribunal.
- 19.4.3 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.

19.4.4 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 shall 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.

20 PREMIERSHIP TABLE

- 20.1 The Premiership Table shall be established by awarding three (3) points to a team for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- 20.2 The team finishing first shall at the completion of the qualifying games in each grade is the Minor Premier (or name to be determined by Peel Hockey) for that grade
- 20.3 Where two (2) team 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 shall be decided:
- 20.3.1 Firstly, on the number of matches won;
 - 20.3.2 Then, on goal difference. Goal difference is determined by taking the goals scored by that team and subtracting the goals scored against them;
 - 20.3.3 Then if still equal, by the most number of goals;
 - 20.3.4 Then if still equal the highest total of goals scored when the teams played each other during the season;
 - 20.3.5 Then if still equal, by the tossing of a coin.
- 20.4 Where the teams have played an unequal number of games, the position on the Premiership table shall be decided on percentages. A team percentage is arrived *by*; dividing the points scored by the possible points and multiplying the result by 100.
For Example: 10 games are played = Possible points 30, points scored = 15. Percentage $15/30 \times 100 = 50\%$.
- 20.4.1 This clause shall not apply to a team which has played three or more games less than that team having played the most number of games.

21 FINALS:

Final Qualifications:

- 21.1 A player will be deemed to have played a senior game for their Club in any round of fixtures if:
- 21.1.1 They are named in the starting eleven
 - OR
 - 21.1.2 They play as a reserve and don't play in another game in that round.
- 21.2 To play in a final a player must have:
- 21.2.1 Played five (5) senior games for their Club as defined in bylaw 22.1;
 - OR
 - 21.2.2 Obtained permission from Peel Hockey, after a written application has been lodged with the Administrator by the Tuesday prior to the game. Permission will not be given unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained
- 21.3 A player who has played the majority (more than half) of their games in the starting eleven (11) of a higher division shall be ineligible to play in any lower division final, except in special cases where permission to return to a lower division is given by the Association. A written application must be lodged with the Senior Director or Administrator by the Tuesday prior to the game. Permission will not be given unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.
- 21.4 Once a player plays in the starting eleven (11) of a higher grade, he or she will be ineligible to play in a lower grade except in special cases where permission to return to a lower division is given by the Association. A written application must be lodged with the

Senior Director or Administrator by the Tuesday prior to the game. Permission will not be given unless the Club can clearly demonstrate that an unfair advantage will not be obtained.

- 21.5 A player who plays under a false name and the person whose name that player plays under shall be deemed not to have played in the game for the purposes of qualifying for Finals.
- 21.6 No team may participate in a final series match unless the club is fully paid up financial member eight (8) days prior to the scheduled time of the match. This applies to invoices issued up to three (3) weeks prior to the finals series.

Format for Finals:

- 21.7 Divisions with five (5) or more teams:
- 21.7.1 The top four (4) teams at the completion of the qualifying games shall play in the Finals series.
- 21.7.2 The finals series shall comprise:
- 21.7.2.1 1st Semi final: The third (3rd) placed team will play the fourth (4th) placed team;
- 21.7.2.2 2nd Semi final: The first (1st) placed team will play the second (2nd) placed team;
- 21.7.2.3 Preliminary Final: The winner of the first (1st) semi final will play the loser of the Second (2nd) semi final;
- 21.7.2.4 Grand Final: The winner of the second (2nd) semi-final will play the winner of the preliminary final.
- 21.8 Divisions with four (4) teams:
- 21.8.1 The top three (3) teams at the completion of the qualifying games shall play in the Finals series.
- 21.8.2 The finals series shall comprise:
- 21.8.2.1 Preliminary Final: The second (2nd) placed team will play the third (3rd) placed team; the first (1st) placed team will go directly into the grand final;
- 21.8.2.2 Grand Final: The winner of the preliminary final will play the first (1st) placed team.
- 21.9 The rules for a Challenge Cup, Semi Final, Preliminary Final or Grand Final fixture resulting in a draw will be forwarded to all Clubs within four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the Challenge Cup or Finals. These rules shall be determined as per Hockey WA rules of the game.

22 TIE BREAKERS – Refer to Hockey WA Rules.

23 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION OF TEAMS

- 23.1 The Senior Committee Executive shall have the power to promote or relegate team/teams from one division to another. There is no automatic promotion or relegation of teams.
- 23.2 The Senior Committee Executive shall have the power to consider and act upon any request from a Club for a promotion or relegation of that Clubs team/teams from one division to another.
- 23.3 The top two teams in each grade are eligible for promotion
- 23.3.1 The top two teams in each competition are determined by:
- 23.3.1.1 The Minor Premier;
- 23.3.1.2 The Grand Final winner; then if the same
- 23.3.1.3 The second (2nd) placed team at the end of the minor round.

- 23.3.2 Either of the top two teams as defined may make application to Peel Hockey for promotion to the next highest grade.
- 23.4 The bottom two teams in each grade at the end of the qualifying rounds are subject to relegation.
- 23.4.1 Either of the bottom two teams may make application to Peel Hockey for relegation to the next lowest grade.
- 23.4.2 If a team is relegated into a grade where there is already a team from the same club, that team must also be relegated and so on, until there is a grade where there is not another team from the same club.
- 23.5 The Senior Committee Executive may direct teams to be promoted or relegated without receipt of a club application.
- 23.6 No less than four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the season, the Association shall circulate to all member Clubs a list of all teams playing in the Association set out in their divisions. Any Club disagreeing with the grading of its teams shall appeal within seven (7) days of the notification of the grading.

24 FINANCE:

AFFILIATION FEES SET BY PEEL HOCKEY.

The affiliation fees and levies payable to Peel Hockey shall be determined by the relevant committee and ratified by the Peel Hockey Board. The affiliation fees and levies may be related to the number and grade of teams nominated by a Club. In the event that the Association shall fail to determine the affiliation fees by 15 March in any year then the affiliation fees that applied during the preceding financial year shall continue.

24.1 Payment of affiliation fee instalments

24.1.1 Team nomination fee is due by the 25th February of each year.

24.1.2 One half of a Club's affiliation fees shall be payable by the 5th May

24.1.3 The balance of the affiliation fees shall be paid by the 14th June

24.2 Withdrawals

24.2.1 When a team nomination is withdrawn by a Club and written notification is received by the Administrator less than twenty eight days (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 27.8

24.3 Levies

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

24.4 Fines, Ground Fees

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

24.5 Finance Charge & Surcharge

24.5.1 In the event that a Club fails to pay an invoice i.e. affiliation fee, ground fees, levy or fine in full by the due date for payment then a surcharge as per fines schedule 26.6 shall also be payable.

24.5.2 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.

24.5.3 In the event that a player fails to pay amount that is due and owing by him or her within fourteen (14) 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

24.6 Late Payment

24.6.1 If a club fails to pay to Peel Hockey

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

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

24.6.1.2.1 not be eligible to score points in any game or participate in any finals played by a team of that Club in any competition conducted by Peel Hockey; until such time as the amount outstanding is paid in full.

24.7 Unfinancial Player – metro & representative teams

24.7.1 If a player fails to pay to Peel Hockey any money that is due and owing by the player within fourteen (14) days following the due date of payment after the Association gives notice in writing to the player and the player's last known Club then:

24.7.1.1 The player shall not be eligible for selection in any representative team.

24.7.1.2 That player shall be deemed to be an ineligible player for the purposes of the application of bylaw 13.1

24.7.1.2.1 The player shall be ineligible to play finals for either the Association or their local club.

24.7.1.3 Peel Hockey will not grant a clearance for that player to a Club in any other Association in WA or State of Australia.

25 FINES SCHEDULE

Fines may be imposed by the Association for the following offences if deemed necessary and in accordance with the following:

25.1 General Fines:

25.1.1 If a team or player contravenes a by-law for which no specific penalty is provided for, then the club shall be liable to a fine of up to \$200.00 as determined by Peel Hockey.

25.1.2 To lodge a protest. \$20-00

25.1.3 Frivolous complaint \$50.00

25.2 Meeting Fines:

25.2.1 Failure of a Club to be represented at Senior Committee Meetings. \$20-00

25.2.2 Failure of a Club to be represented at Annual General Meeting \$50-00

25.3 Competition Fines:

25.3.1 Failure to notify of intention to forfeit. (per team) \$90-00 turf or \$20.00 grass

25.3.2 Failure of all players to be in registered uniform after the 3rd \$10-00
fixture playing date. (per player up to a total of \$50.00 per team per game)

25.3.3 Failure to change uniform to alternate strip \$20-00

25.3.4 Playing an ineligible player. (per player) \$50-00

25.4 Match Reporting Fines:

25.4.1 Incomplete or incorrect scorecard. \$25-00

25.4.2 Failure to email or SMS results to Recorder by the required time \$25-00

25.4.3 Failure to submit scorecard by required time. \$25-00

25.4.4 Failure to supply all specified member information for database by specified date. \$100/team

25.5 Umpiring Fines:

- 25.5.1 Failure to attend rules of hockey session. (per absent player) \$10-00
- 25.5.2 Failure for club to have 2 players/team accredited at "Community Level"
\$50-00/player
- 25.5.3 Failure of a club to umpire senior games:
 - 25.5.3.1 First two offences per club \$60/ umpire
 - 25.5.3.2 Next two offences per club \$80/ umpire
 - 25.5.3.3 Any further offences per club \$100/umpire
- 25.5.4 Junior umpiring ruling (bylaw 8.8.1) \$500-00

25.6 Affiliation, Club and Team Fines

- 25.6.1 Surcharge for late payment of ground fees, levies or fines 10% of amount due
- 25.6.2 Failure to pay Team Nomination Fee on time \$10-00
(per week that the payment is late)
- 25.6.3 Failure to pay team fee on time (per each week that payment is late) \$10-00
- 25.6.4 Team withdrawal (in writing)
 - 25.6.4.1 less than 28 days of fixtured games commencing. 100% of nomination fee
 - 25.6.4.2 after fixtured games commence and within
21 days after fixtured games commence 50% of team fees
 - 25.6.4.3 after 21 days of fixtured games commencing 100% of team fees

26 RACIAL and RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION

- 26.1 No Affiliated Club of the Association, Registered Player or Official should act towards or speak to any other Club, Association, Player or Official in a manner which threatens, disparages, vilifies or insults another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, national origin or ethnic origin.
- 26.2 In the event that it is alleged that a Club, Registered Player or Official has contravened this bylaw an Official, Player or Affiliate may lodge a complaint in writing with the President of Peel Hockey. The complaint must outline the circumstances of the allegation.
- 26.3 The President shall:
 - 26.3.1 Inform the person(s) alleged to have contravened rule 27 of the complaint and provide that person or person(s) an opportunity to respond to it in writing to the allegations;
 - 26.3.2 Identify and obtain written statements from any available witness;
 - 26.3.3 Refer the complaint to the Protests and Disputes Tribunal to be dealt with as a report of misconduct.

27 CHANGES TO BYLAWS

- 27.1 In accordance with Rule 21.1 of its Constitution the Board of Peel Hockey may, from time to time, make, alter and repeal the Bylaws of the Association.

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

28 SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES

- 28.1 Any situation not provided for explicitly in these Peel Hockey by-laws shall be referred to Hockey WA and determined in conjunction with their rules.