



WOMEN'S COMPETITION

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Glossary

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| Committee | <p>SEHA Women's Competition Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positions appointed annually• Throughout this document, the SEHA Women's Competition Committee will be referenced as the "Committee".• In the absence of a formal Committee, the Competition Convener may choose to use the Club Contacts as the Committee for the season or act independently |
| Club contacts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People nominated by clubs to receive Committee correspondence and communications.• Clubs may differentiate contacts across the completion for specific functions/roles eg. Umpires finance, administration, team managers etc• Information of club contacts is managed by the Committee |

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Section 1: SEHA Women's Competition Committee Operations

The Committee shall:-

1.1 Committee Duties

- 1.1.1 Ensure Committee members uphold the SEHA Constitution & By Laws at all times
- 1.1.2 Meet regularly as a committee and report back to SEHA Board on meeting discussions – ensure all business arising is followed up in a timely manner.
- 1.1.3 Ensure discussions held, in and out of meetings, allow adequate time for all stakeholders to voice their opinion.
- 1.1.4 Minutes of Committee meetings to be documented, including actions and key decisions, and stored for future reference.
- 1.1.5 Ensure that all Club delegates have the relevant information on proposals for discussion with their members.
- 1.1.6 Prepare the Annual Report of SEHA Women's Competition.
- 1.1.7 Maintain and update the SEHA Women's Competition By-Laws as deemed necessary.
- 1.1.8 Prepare and submit a Budget to SEHA Finance Director, for provision of invoices
- 1.1.9 Forward all tax invoices received to SEHA Finance Director for payment.

1.2 Competition Set-up

- 1.2.1 Distribute Association Contacts list, to all Committee members and Club Contacts.
- 1.2.2 Liaise closely with Club Contacts to set up and maintain channels for effective networking procedures.
- 1.2.3 Prepare and distribute Competition Draw
- 1.2.4 Maintain the uniform register and ensure all players conform to the registered uniform.
- 1.2.5 Be responsible for recording and safe custody of all team lists submitted by each Club prior to the commencement of the SEHA Women's Competition.

1.3 Competition Oversight and Management

- 1.3.1 Be responsible for maintaining and updating competition information, fixtures and results on the website.
- 1.3.2 Be responsible for allocating umpires to all competition games including finals
- 1.3.3 Submit a list of umpires to the SEHA Development Director for training and testing of umpires.
- 1.3.4 Coordinate ground marshals. Refer section [4.1 Appendix 1 – Ground Marshal Duties](#) for ground marshal duties.
- 1.3.5 Receive match cards from ground marshals within 48 hours of match time and retaining same.
- 1.3.6 Checking and controlling the eligibility of players as members of teams participating in semi-final, final and grand final and playoff matches.
- 1.3.7 Organising and administering the Club Championships, Best & Fairest points in each grade and Highest Goal Scorer in each grade.
- 1.3.8 Recommend fines to be levied in accordance with sections [3.13 Umpire Candidates](#) and [3.16 Umpiring Fines](#).
- 1.3.9 Notifying Club contacts of penalties incurred as stated in By Laws.
- 1.3.10 Be responsible and forward incidents to the SEHA Board that will require a judiciary hearing to be formed.

Section 2: Judiciary

Refer to SEHA Registration Terms and Conditions, SEHA Website for current policies, not limited to Hockey Australia and Hockey NSW policies.

Link attached. <https://www.seha.com.au/resources/governance/>

Section 3: SEHA Womens Competition Rules

3.1 Entry

- 3.1.1 Entry to the Competition shall be open to teams from Affiliated and Non-Affiliated SEHA Clubs and these teams shall be nominated to the Committee by a date determined by Committee.

3.2 Grades

- 3.2.1 Clubs may nominate teams for particular grades, however, this will not be binding. The final decision shall be made by the Committee based on team entries and previous year's performance.
- 3.2.2 Following grading confirmation to clubs, clubs may appeal this decision in writing to Committee with seven (7) days of grading notification.
- 3.2.3 Following grading confirmation to clubs, clubs will be provided a team list form which must be completed for each team and submitted to the SEHA Women's Competition Registrar prior to the commencement of the SEHA Women's Competition.

3.3 Uniforms

- 3.3.1 All players must compete in team uniform. Players not in correct uniform are not permitted to take part in any match.
- 3.3.2 Teams must wear the same uniform – this includes socks, numbered shirt, official team skirt or short.
If players choose to wear shorts/skins under their skirts, these are to be the same colour as the skirt and/or black.
- 3.3.3 In the event of a clash of uniform, the committee will decide which club needs to alter their uniform for scheduled games between the two sides'
- 3.3.4 Any changes to club uniform must be submitted in writing to the committee prior to the purchase of the uniform for approval

3.4 Fees

- 3.4.1 Shall be determined by Committee and are payable to Sydney East Hockey Association by a date advised by the Committee.

3.5 Balls

- 3.5.1 Each team shall provide one match ball for each match.

3.6 Match Card

- 3.6.1 Before the commencement of any competition match each team shall provide a fully completed typed/printed team match card to the ground marshal, additional players may be added to the bottom of the match card.
- 3.6.2 The names of players taking the field at the commencement of the game must be ticked by the team manager.
- 3.6.3 All players subsequently taking the field must have their names recorded and ticked by the ground marshal.
- 3.6.4 All players must be listed with their correct name and shirt number as submitted to the Committee, according to their team list submitted at the commencement of the competition.
- 3.6.5 The match card must be left at the venue with the ground marshal. It is the clubs/teams responsibility to take appropriate steps to retain a copy of the match cards for their own records.
- 3.6.6 Best and Fairest points must be completed by the team before leaving the venue.
- 3.6.7 A notation should be made on the match card when a player is absent from playing any competition game resulting from representative commitments. Games not played due to representative commitments may be counted towards their games tally when determining eligibility for finals.
Refer 3.3.9
- 3.6.8 Representative commitments are defined as players, umpires, officials and formal positions as team coach or manager participating in the following: Australian Team; National Hockey League; Australian Under 18, Under 21 and Masters; NSW Under 18, Under 21, Opens and Masters, and Junior State Championships.
Representative commitments do not cover carnival days.
Clubs to provide proof of representative commitments to womensreg@seha.com.au within 10 days of the match via email to womensreg@seha.com.au.
Please note trials, training or any other championships will not be taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

3.7 Injury

- 3.7.1 In the event that a player has sustained an injury during an SEHA Competition game, the allocated SEHA Ground Marshal must note the injury on the match card for the relevant match and have the team manager complete an incident report. The incident report must be emailed to Committee within 48 hours of the relevant match.
- 3.7.2 If a player sustains an injury outside of SEHA Competition, an incident report must be submitted to Committee within 48 hours of the injury

- 3.7.3 If the injured player cannot participate in subsequent matches, the injured player will only be credited with each game missed if:
- (a) the team manager has noted that the player is injured on the match card prior to the commencement of the match (if sustained in a SEHA Women's Competition match); and
 - (b) a medical certificate is provided to the womensregio@seha.com.au within 14 days from the date of the original injury occurring,
 - (c) the medical certificate must state the intended duration of the injury (eg. 4 weeks)
 - (d) If the player cannot participate after the expiry of the medical certificate due to the injury a further medical certificate will be required prior to the expiry of the current certificate
 - (e) If a player takes the field before the expiration of the medical certificate, upon taking the field the player will no longer be able to rely on the previous medical certificate for future dates. A new medical certificate will be required to be supplied for future games.

3.8 Substitution

- 3.8.1 Each team may have no more than 5 reserve players for each match.
- 3.8.2 These must take place from the bunker side of the field at half-way line
- 3.8.3 Substitute the goalkeeper by notifying the umpire on your side of the field.
- 3.8.4 A substitute player's name must be recorded on the match card before substitution of a player occurs.
- 3.8.5 Any substitute player who takes the field for the first time must have her name ticked on the match card.

3.9 Safety

- 3.9.1 It is a requirement that all players wear appropriate protective gear such as shin guards and mouth guards unless a SEHA Waiver Agreement has been completed and is available upon request.
- 3.9.2 It is recommended that players, umpires, officials and spectators use appropriate sun protection such as soft peak hats and sunscreen.
- 3.9.3 Recommendations for players participating when pregnant are in accordance with the document "Guidelines on the participation of the Pregnant Athlete in Contact and Collision Sports" (Sports Medicine Australia Guideline by Dr Marg Torode).

3.10 Rules of Play

- 3.10.1 Competition matches shall be played in accordance with the FIH Rules of Hockey published by Hockey Australia, except for any variations laid down by these Competition Rules and referred to in section [4.2 Appendix 2- Variation to Rules](#).

3.11 Duration of Matches

- 3.11.1 The times on the fixtures must be strictly adhered to.
- 3.11.2 The timeslot allows for four 17-minute quarters, 10 minutes warm up, 5-minute half time, and 2 minutes at quarter time.
- 3.11.3 The match must start at the scheduled time on the draw.
- 3.11.4 The match MUST finish by no later than the 10 minutes before the time of the next match.
- 3.11.5 Matches which start late must have the time deducted from the first half of the match.
- 3.11.6 No additional time will be added for substitution or injuries, except as are otherwise determined by the Committee.
- 3.11.7 Players must not leave the pitch at quarter time. Substitution is permitted during quarter time, and only nominated coaches and managers are permitted on the field during quarter time breaks only.

3.12 Umpires

- 3.12.1 Each team must provide a suitably qualified umpire with their team entry for the current season and comply with the following standards, as a minimum:-
 - Div 1 Level 1
 - Div 2 Community
 - Div 3 Community, Approved Community candidate

Note: "Approved" means confirmed by the Committee in conjunction with SEHA Development Director. All umpires must have current online (theoretical) accreditation in HockeyEd

3.13 Umpire Candidates

- 3.13.1 All clubs must supply at least 1 genuine candidate for umpire development
- 3.13.2 Candidates must complete the online HockeyEd Component for the accreditation level they are aiming for.

- 3.13.3 The intent of a 'genuine' candidate is one who is available to umpire regularly (eg at least 50% of the season) and progress into being a regular umpire in the SEHA Women's Competition.
- 3.13.4 A candidate may also be an existing accredited umpire, looking to further their qualifications, subject to meeting criteria and eligibility. Please discuss further with the SEHA Development Director for more information.
- 3.13.5 Umpires will be allocated for all practical tests and assessment by mutual agreement between the umpire in question and the SEHA Development Director.
- 3.13.6 Candidate names are required prior to round 2 of the season
- 3.13.7 Penalty: A \$250 fine (per candidate) will be imposed on each Club who does not supply genuine candidates.

3.14 Assistance to Beginner Umpires

- 3.14.1 Umpires without practical accreditation must be supervised by an accredited umpire or approved umpire coach for at least the first two matches in the SEHA Competition.
- 3.14.2 The Supervising Umpire must co-sign the match card.
- 3.14.3 Clubs must indicate to the Committee who their supervising umpires will be. If no supervising umpire can be provided, clubs must advise the Committee.

3.15 Allocation of Umpires

- 3.15.1 Umpires will be allocated by the committee by;
 - name for an allocated game/timeslot
 - where no umpire is specifically allocated by name, the team/club is responsible for supplying a suitable umpire that is approved for that grade
- 3.15.2 All umpires' allocations are team/club based duties - for which the Club is responsible for ensuring the duty is covered by their own nominated umpire OR a suitable alternate umpire who is approved for that grade.
- 3.15.3 The Committee will provide a list of all nominated umpires including their approved grades for distribution to Clubs and Umpires
- 3.15.4 Umpires may not umpire above the grade they are approved for without prior permission/approval of the Committee.
- 3.15.5 Umpires may only umpire a maximum of 2 games in one day.
- 3.15.6 Extenuating circumstances may be considered if the Committee is notified of the circumstances.
- 3.15.7 If an umpire officiates in a match in contravention of any of the above requirements without approval, it may result in a monetary fine may be issued in accordance with section [3.16 Umpiring Fines](#). In addition to this, if an umpire officiates in a match without approval on their own Club's game, the game may be deemed a forfeit by that Club and the relevant points deducted in accordance with section [3.17 Pointscore](#).

3.16 Umpiring Fines

The fine structure has been implemented to ensure that teams are not disadvantaged from unexpected/extraordinary circumstances whilst ensuring that any costs incurred from abandoned games are not borne by the association.

There will be a:

- 3.16.1 \$100 fine for the club whose umpire does not show but with the game still going ahead with a replacement umpire. If a suitably qualified umpire cannot be sought any replacement umpire must have permission to umpire the game from the Committee delegate in accordance with section [3.12 Umpires](#). The umpire who did the game is paid \$50 and \$50 goes towards umpire development for the association.
- 3.16.2 \$300 fine for the club whose umpire does not show resulting in the game not being played, if no appropriately qualified replacement umpire could be allocated. Game is treated as an abandoned game – see or the game is rescheduled, if possible. This amount covers the association cost of a rescheduled match with the balance (if any) going towards umpire development for the association.
- 3.16.3 Any fines collected for Umpiring infringements will be used for the further development of umpires in the SEHA Women's Competition.
- 3.16.4 Fines may be waived at the discretion of the Committee, for extenuating circumstances. Additionally, the Committee will, convene to discuss and review any instances where clubs/teams repeatedly cause games to be abandoned and will engage the SEHA board to review if any additional penalties should be applied to help remediate the issue.

3.17 Pointscore

3.17.1 A separate pointscore shall be kept for each grade. Points shall be awarded as follows:

- Win 3 points
- Draw 1 point
- Loss 0 points
- Forfeit (refer section [3.18 Forfeits](#))
- Bye 0 point.

Note: Any team that does not have a game scheduled for a particular round of competition shall be deemed to have a bye for that round.

3.18 Forfeits

3.18.1 A team which has to forfeit any match must notify their opponents, the Committee by at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of the match. A forfeiting team giving this required notice shall have one competition point deducted from their pointscore while their opponents shall receive WIN points. Any team failing to give the required notice shall have three (3) competition points deducted from their pointscore, unless there are extenuating circumstances if so determined by the Committee. Their opponents shall receive WIN points.

3.18.2 The team receiving the forfeit shall be awarded a 5-0 win. The forfeiting team shall receive Zero (0) Goals for and Five (5) against.

3.18.3 Teams which are more than ten (10) minutes late taking the field will be deemed to have forfeited their match and have three (3) competition points deducted from their pointscore if their opponents claim such a result before any play takes place.

3.18.4 The minimum numbers of players required for a team is seven (7).

3.18.5 **Match cards for forfeited games**

Teams can submit match-cards for forfeited games, so that forfeited games can count toward player tallies for finals eligibility.

- Teams receiving the forfeit – should the receiving team wish to submit a match card, the match card is to be sent to womensrego@seha.com.au by the Sunday evening of the forfeited round, and a maximum of 16 players can be ticked.
- Forfeiting team – should the receiving team wish to submit a match card, the match card to be sent to womensrego@seha.com.au by the Sunday evening of the forfeited round, and a maximum of 6 players can be ticked.
- Teams that chose not submit within the week of the forfeiting rounds, cannot seek exemptions for this game for players to qualify for finals.

3.19 Abandoned Round

3.19.1 Should a complete round in a grade not be played the round for that grade shall be abandoned and no team in that grade shall receive any points or Goals For. This also applies to teams which have received a forfeit in an abandoned round.

3.19.2 Should any part of a round in a grade be played then unplayed and/or abandoned matches will be re-scheduled to an available date, venue and time to be determined by the Committee.

3.20 Wet Weather/Unplayable matches

3.20.1 Pitches should be playable at all times.

3.20.2 In the event of a pitch being closed due to extreme conditions, the Club delegates concerned will be contacted.

3.20.3 In the event of a problem with access to the field, the lights being switched off or any other matter, which prevents to match from proceeding, both teams should submit an Incident Report within 48 hours to the Committee.

3.20.4 A match card should still be left at the venue.

3.21 Dangerous Conditions - Wet Weather, Hail, Electrical Storm, Poor Air Quality

3.21.1 The match may be stopped in the following situations at the umpire's discretion:

- (a) In the event of heavy rain and consequently the field is to a point that it becomes unplayable (field flooded, bubbled excessively) – the field must be sufficiently drained for the match to resume.
- (b) Hail - the field must be clear of hail before play is to resume.
- (c) Lightning - The lightning safety code is based on the 30/30 rule and is listed on match cards. The match must be stopped until the conditions allow that it is safe to continue, at the umpires discretion. Refer to [4.3 Appendix 3 – Lightning Policy](#) for Lightning Policy.

- 3.21.2 The match may be postponed due to poor air quality as outlined by the Hockey NSW policy - Air Quality Index (AQI).
The AQI will be monitored by the Competition Director, and how games may proceed or if in extreme circumstances may be rescheduled.
- 3.21.3 In the event that the game cannot be rescheduled by the Committee, the game will be determined and treated as either an abandoned match or an abandoned round.
- 3.21.4 The Womens Director may cancel a whole day's games if the conditions are deemed dangerous/unsuitable

3.22 Extreme Heat, Turf Dry, Turf Damage

- 3.22.1 The turf should be sufficiently watered at the commencement of each match and matches should finish on time to allow this to occur.
- 3.22.2 If an umpire believes that a turf is becoming dry, they are to stop the game and consult the other umpire. Both umpires can then consult and if they believe the turf needs to be watered then the game is to be stopped for no more than 10 minutes to water the turf.
- 3.22.3 The turf can be watered again at half time if needed.
- 3.22.4 Once 10 minutes passes the game is to resume exactly where it left off. If a penalty was given beforehand then that penalty stands. If not, then it is a bully. No time may be added to the fixture to allow for stoppage of play.
- 3.22.5 Before every game an umpire should walk the field to clear any obstructions and check for turf damage.
- 3.22.6 If a turf seems to have been damaged (either by vandalism from previous night or during play) then it should be reported to the appropriate contact.
- 3.22.7 If the damage is sufficient to warrant it unplayable, please inform the appropriate people ASAP so that it may be fixed for further games or games can be moved.

3.23 Abandoned Matches/Interrupted Matches

- 3.23.1 The result for an abandoned match after half time the result stands, before half time a 2-2 draw, only if the game cannot be resumed within a reasonable time.
- 3.23.2 If the match does not commence on time due to dangerous conditions, the match may be delayed up to 30 minutes (that means, the game must start at least 5 minutes before the scheduled half time), before it is abandoned. The time remaining should be divided equally into two halves with limited halftime.
- 3.23.3 An umpire can only cancel one game at a time – if the conditions are deemed too dangerous the Women's Director should be consulted on cancelling more than one timeslot
- 3.23.4 **Match cards for rescheduled games**
Teams can submit match-cards for rescheduled games, so that these may be taken into consideration for finals eligibility.
 - Should either team wish to submit a match card, the match card is to be sent to womensrego@seha.com.au by the Sunday evening of the forfeited round, and a maximum of 16 players can be ticked.
 Teams that chose not to submit within the week of the original scheduled round, cannot seek exemptions for this game for players to qualify for finals.

3.24 Registration

- 3.24.1 It is the responsibility of each club to ensure all club members (including non- playing officials) have registered to HockeyNSW prior to taking the field in any SEHA competition. In the event a player takes the field without being registered to HockeyNSW then section [3.25 Ineligible/Unregistered Players](#) shall apply.
- 3.24.2 Each club must submit all team lists (including team coaches and managers) to the Committee prior to the commencement of the SEHA Women's competition. Clubs shall register a minimum of eleven (11) players per team and shall maintain throughout the season a minimum of eleven (11) registered players per team.
- 3.24.3 Each player shall register with only one (1) Club, unless a written request has been received by the Committee prior to commencement of the competition and approval has been granted by the Committee.
- 3.24.4 Players may play in any grade above that in which they are registered with no restrictions.
- 3.24.5 No players may play in the grade below except in occurrence section [3.26 Exemptions](#).

- 3.24.6 When a Club's lowest grade has insufficient registered players in that grade available to field a team of twelve (12) players, then one (1) player only from the next highest team may play with that team. If clubs have more than 2 grades difference between their lowest and next highest team, they must seek prior written permission from the Committee to play anyone down.
- 3.24.7 Applications for re-grading after the fourth (4th) Competition match are subject to Committee approval.
- 3.24.8 Clubs may not play SWHL Metro 1 or Metro 2 registered players any lower than SEHA Division 1; nor Division 1 players lower than SEHA 2 except by permission of the Committee.
- 3.24.9 Once a player has played in a higher grade for more than 4 games, then that player will be automatically be registered in the higher grade.
- Players tallies to monitor the number of games played in a higher grade.
 - Once the player takes the field for the 5th time they are automatically regraded to the next highest team, unless all games played up are in the same grade - then the player is automatically regraded into that teams grade.
 - A player can play 4 games up in a higher grade without being regraded
 - Upon talking the field for the 5th game, the player is automatically regraded and can no longer play in the lower grade (except in the By Laws for 3.24.6)
 - This is NOT based on a round or weekend; it will be based upon the competition draw and the order in which the games are scheduled
 - Regraded players must meet eligibility criteria for the finals series (refer to By Laws 3.28)
 - It is the club's responsibility to track re-grading. The committee is not responsible for notification or confirmation that re-grading has occurred.
- 3.24.10 In the event of a player taking part in the incorrect grade section [3.25 Ineligible/Unregistered Players](#) shall apply.
- 3.24.11 **Late Registration process**
Prior to any new player taking the field the player **MUST** be registered with Hockey NSW and have a ID.
To officially add new players to any SEHA competition team after the submission of initial team list, the Committee registrar needs to be formally notified of the players details
- Full name
 - Hockey NSW ID
 - SEHA team/grade
- Late registrations, can be made throughout the competition rounds, however the Committee's registrar needs to be advised in one of the below options
1. Required details to be emailed to womensrego@seha.com.au, prior to the player taking the field
 - Full name
 - Hockey NSW ID
 - SEHA team/grade
 Details can be shared via email or via an updated team list
 2. Below details to be added to the match card, prior to the player taking the field
 - Full name
 - Hockey NSW ID
 - SEHA team/grade

Failure to formally notify the Committee Registrar as outlined above, will result in the player being noted as unregistered, and section [3.25 Ineligible/Unregistered Players](#) shall apply.

Late Registration Cut-off

No new registrations to be accepted for any games after round 4.

3.25 Ineligible/Unregistered Players

In the event of an ineligible/unregistered player taking part in any Competition match, the following shall apply:

3.25.1 **Ineligible Players**

Any points gained in any match by any team which played an ineligible player(s) shall result in a loss and an additional three (3) Competition points shall be deducted for each match from the point score of the team in which the ineligible player(s) took part.

Penalties to be allocated as per below:

- The final score will be updated to 5-0 to the un-offending team, unless the actual result has a greater goal difference to 5-0, the results from the match will stand. The opposing team will receive the WIN points.
- Penalties to be applied for each affected match, in which an ineligible player(s) took the field,

3.25.2 **Unregistered Players**

- Any points gained in any match by any team which played an unregistered player(s) shall result in a loss and an additional one (1) Competition point shall be deducted for each unregistered player from the point score of the team in which the unregistered player(s) took part.

Penalties to be allocated as per below:

- The final score will be updated to 5-0 to the un-offending team, unless the actual result has a greater goal difference to 5-0, the results from the match will stand. The opposing team will receive the WIN points.
- Penalties to be applied per infringement per match, in which an unregistered player(s) took the field, this will be capped at -3 points (should there be more than three unregistered players take the field in the same match)

3.25.3 **Registration Breach Notification**

Registration Breach's Notices will be sent via email to club contacts.

- Notifications to be made 24-hours prior to the following round.
- For any reason that notifications are not communicated ahead of the following round by the committee, the breach notice penalty will be applied to the first infringement/notification. Notification must be made at least 24 hours prior to the game.

3.26 Exemptions

- 3.26.1 A club may make a request to the Committee for exemption for a player to be registered in two grades; one as a field player and one as a goalkeeper. Permission will be considered based on information provided in a duly completed player exemption form – including previous playing history and grades involved in the exemption
- 3.26.2 The player must meet the minimum amount of games in each divisions to qualify for finals in accordance with section [3.28 Eligibility for Finals](#)
- 3.26.3 Additional information may be required when the request involves a Division 1 player with view to not contravene section [3.24 Registration](#)
- 3.26.4 Weekly exemption requests are to be received in writing no later than 5pm each Thursday to womensrego@seha.com.au
- The Thursday 5pm deadline, allows the committee sufficient time to review, request additional clarification information (if needed) and formally respond ahead of the weekend's round.
 - Any requests received after the above deadline, will automatically move to the following weeks review period.
 - All committee decisions will be confirmed via return email.

3.27 System of Finals

Premiers in each Grade shall be determined by a system of finals as follows:

- 3.27.1 Semi-finals shall be played as 1 v 2 and 3 v 4. In 1 v 2 - in the event of a draw, team 1 shall progress to the Grand Final and team 2 shall play the Final against the winners of 3 v 4. In 3 v 4 - in the event of a draw **drop-off will be played as follows:-**
Drop-off is 15 minutes of sudden death extra time. The first 7 ½ minutes, 2 players drop-off (leave the field) i.e. 9 players. The second 7 ½ minutes, a further 2 players drop-off (leave the field) i.e. 7 players. If still a draw, team 3 will progress to the final
- 3.27.2 Final shall be played as Loser of 1 v 2 versus Winner of 3 v 4. In the event of a draw, **drop-off will be played as follows:-**
Drop-off is 15 minutes of sudden death extra time. The first 7 ½ minutes, 2 players drop-off (leave the field) i.e. 9 players. The second 7 ½ minutes, a further 2 players drop-off (leave the field) i.e. 7 players. In the event of a draw after extra time, team 1 or 2 shall progress to the Grand Final.

- 3.27.3 Grand Final shall be played as Winner of 1 v 2 versus Final winner. In the event of a draw in a Grand Final, **drop-off will be played as follows:-**
Drop-off is 15 minutes of sudden death extra time. The first 7 ½ minutes, 2 players drop-off (leave the field) i.e. 9 players. The second 7 ½ minutes, a further 2 players drop-off (leave the field) i.e. 7 players. If still a draw, teams shall be declared Joint Premiers.
- 3.27.4 NOTE: Substitutes are permitted during “Drop-off”.
NOTE: Extra time has been scheduled along the lines of International Rules.

3.28 Eligibility for Finals

- 3.28.1 To be eligible for the final series, a player must have played 8 matches in their registered team in the current season.
- Players need to play 8 of the 16 matches scheduled this year to be eligible for finals.
- 3.28.2 A player who is eligible to play in a lower grade will be allowed to play in any semi final, final or grand final in a higher grade.
- 3.28.3 Applications for consideration of extenuating circumstances should be made in writing to the Committee at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled semi-final. The Committee will consider all applications and determine eligibility, following which notification of the outcome will be advised.
- 3.28.4 Applications will only be considered if the player meets one of the following extenuating circumstances
- (a) Bereavement leave for an immediate family member
 - (b) Active government service supported by a letter from the applicable government body
 - (c) A injury documented in accordance with section [3.7 Injury](#)
- 3.28.5 No player may play in a semi-final, final or grand final in a lower grade than that in which that player is registered unless the conditions in section [3.24 Registration](#) are met.

3.29 Determining Positions

- At the completion of the round matches if teams are on equal points the process to determine final placings will be:
- 3.29.1 The team with the higher goal difference will be deemed to be higher on the table.
- 3.29.2 If goal differences are equal, the team with the higher number of “wins” will be deemed to be higher on the table.
- 3.29.3 If goal differences and the number of “wins” are equal, the team that has scored the most number of goals will rank higher.
- 3.29.4 If goal differences, the number of “wins” and goals scored are equal, ranking shall be determined by the aggregate result (results of all matches added together) when the two equal teams played each other. The higher aggregate result shall be deemed to be higher on the table.
- 3.29.5 In the event that all criteria above are equal, the final placings shall be determined by the best of three toss of a coin.

3.30 Off Field Behaviour

- 3.30.1 Abusive or loud behaviour from the bunker will not be tolerated.
- 3.30.2 The consumption of alcohol in the bunker is not permitted.
- 3.30.3 Umpires may card the captain of the team for unacceptable behaviour by the coach or manager.
- 3.30.4. Coaches or managers continuing to be disruptive may be asked to leave the venue by the umpire.
- 3.30.5 ONLY PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND COACHES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUNKER AND ON THE BUNKER SIDE OF THE PITCH.

3.31 Codes of Conduct

- 3.31.1 All players, officials, spectators and umpires involved in any SEHA competitions must be made aware of and adhere to the Codes of Conduct for SEHA. The Committee will be responsible for ensuring all codes of conduct are met and any breaches of these codes of conduct will be dealt by SEHA in accordance with the SEHA Policies.
Refer to SEHA Website for current policies.
Link attached. <https://www.seha.com.au/resources/governance/>
Note: It is the clubs responsibility to ensure all players, officials, umpires and spectators are aware of these Codes of Conduct for SEHA.

3.30 Incident Report

- 3.31.1 Please complete an incident report if you have any concerns with the way a match was conducted or the opposition. Confrontation at the venue is not acceptable. Incident reports are to be completed and emailed to the Committee within 48 hours of the incident.

Section 4: Appendix Rules

4.1 Appendix 1 – Ground Marshal Duties

Ground Marshals must:

- 4.1.1 Arrive at the venue 30 minutes prior to your first match.
- 4.1.2 Water the pitch prior to the commencement of the first match. For subsequent matches, water the pitch in consultation with umpires.
- 4.1.3 Collect the cards from the teams ensuring they are ticked for players taking the field.
- 4.1.4 Ensure that the rostered umpires are present and if not contact a representative of the S Committee on one of the numbers provided.
- 4.1.5 Time the fixture in consultation with the umpires.
- 4.1.6 Manage the dugouts, ensuring only players, coaches and managers are in the team's dugouts.
- 4.1.7 Manage player substitution at the halfway line.
- 4.1.8 Ensure spectators and players, not involved with the match, are not on the field at half time or between matches.
- 4.1.9 Ensure all injuries and incidents are recorded on the cards.
- 4.1.10 Ensure all best and fairest points are marked on the cards.
- 4.1.11 Ensure the umpires sign the card clearly stating their name, badge and the club they are umpiring for.
- 4.1.12 Scan the all the match cards from the venue and email them to womens@seha.com.au by 6.00pm on the following Monday.

4.2 Appendix 2- Variation to Rules

- 4.2.1 The FIH Rules of Hockey 2019 – final rules book contains changes to the timing of the game and the application of stoppage time to penalty corners. For the 2019 season the FIH Rules of Hockey shall be have the following amendments in the SEHA Women's competition across all grades.

NOTE: Umpires will still blow the time out and time in on a Penalty Corner, but the clock will not be stopped for these outages.

Reference FIH Rules of Hockey 2019: Section 5 Match and result

5.1 A match consists of four quarters of 17 minutes, an interval of 2 minutes between quarter 1 and 2 and between quarter 3 and 4 and a half- time interval of 5minutes between quarter 2 and 3.

Other periods and interval may be agreed by both teams except as specified in Regulations for particular competitions.

If time expires just before an umpire would otherwise have made a decision, umpires are permitted to make that decision immediately after the end of the quarter.

If an incident arises immediately before the end of a quarter which requires review by the umpires, the review may be conducted even though time has subsequently been completed and signalled.

The review should take place immediately and action taken to revert to and correct the situation as appropriate.

4.3 Appendix 3 – Lightning Policy

- 4.3.1 This policy is adopted from the Hockey NSW Lightning Policy

Hockey NSW advises this policy to minimise the likelihood of being struck by lightning while playing or being involved in our sport. Statistics have shown that people participating in sports such as cricket, hockey or golf are at risk of being struck and killed by lightning.

21.0 Lightning Safety Code

21.1 The Lightning Safety Code adopted by Hockey NSW applies to all SEHA competitions.

21.2 The Lightning Safety Code is based on the 30/30 rule which calls for play to be stopped when the lightning/thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less i.e. the time between when the lightning is seen and the thunder is heard is 30 seconds or less. This indicates that the lightning is 10 km away and the next strike has a "significant risk" of hitting people which have seen the lightning and heard the thunder.

21.3 Play shall not commence until 30 minutes after the last lightning flash within the 30/30 ratio.

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| 1.0 | 2016 Document approved by SEHA Committee |
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| 2.1 | June 2019 Clarification of process for registrations and late registrations Refined section 3.25 player ineligibility and unregistered players Document approved by SEHA Committee |
| 2.2 | April 2021 Refined requirements around re-grading, uniforms, new match card (format, forfeits, rescheduled games), injury, late registrations, Hockey NSW Poor Air Quality Policy, representative commitments, registration, re-grading, breach notifications, finals eligibility Appendix for 2021 Document approved by SEHA Committee |
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