



**Hockey Southland**  
**Club Handbook**  
**2018**

The General Manager publishes this Competition Handbook and the rules and regulations contained within it under the authority of Hockey Southland Incorporated.

This Handbook aims to be a guide for Club Players and Officials, however it is not a comprehensive list of all rules and regulations. This Handbook should be read in combination with the Rules of Hockey Southland Inc, the Hockey Southland Code of Conduct and the current FIH Rules of Hockey.

**Please read this Handbook fully.**

By taking the field in any Hockey Southland Inc Club Competition match, players, whether registered or not, agree to be bound by these rules and regulations.

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## A. Competitions 2018

### 1) Season Dates and Calendar

- Team entries close at 5pm Friday 9th March 2018
- The club competition will begin on the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- The club competition will be 15 rounds long, plus Finals Week.
- The club competition (with the exception of division four) will end with Semi's and Finals on the weekends of the 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 (provisional on no weekend being lost due to cancellation).

A full season calendar can be downloaded from the Hockey Southland website [www.hockeysouthland.co.nz](http://www.hockeysouthland.co.nz) Calendars tab, Important Dates 2018.

### 2) Hockey Southland App

To make sure information is being received by those who need it in a timely manner Hockey Southland have developed a phone App.

**To download the app just search ClubAppsNZ in the app store, and then enter Hockey Southland to find your Club App.**

To get information for your area of interest go to Alerts and click on the tick at the top right of the page. This will take you to the alert subscriptions and you just need to tick the groups you want to receive alerts from. If there is a down arrow that means there are sub groups you can choose from underneath the main group.

The app will be where the cancellations will be done (as well as on the website) so can all coaches and managers please get each of their players to download the app.

### 3) Competition Management

The Club Competition will be managed by the Southland Wide Competitions Committee (SWCC), who will manage the rules, draws, player movements and dispensations for the Competition

The General Manager shall chair SWCC.

Every association must nominate two delegates to serve on Competition Committee at the time of their AGM's. The Hockey Southland Umpires Coordinator (if one has been appointed) or an agreed umpires delegate will also be on the SWCC.

A member of SWCC shall not take part in any decision regarding their Club.

The Judicial Committee will adjudicate on any cases of player punishments and will consist of a HS board member, the umpire's manager (if one has been appointed) and an independent person nominated by the Chair of HS.

In the case of conflict of interest, the process in the HS SW Competition Rules 10.2 will then occur. Any member reaching 12 penalty points will be required to have a hearing with the Judicial Committee.

#### 4) SWCC meetings

SWCC Meetings will be held several times throughout the year to allow feedback on the Club Competition.

Meetings are scheduled for:

- Monday 26th February 2018 at 7pm Edendale Tavern
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm Gore Clubrooms
- Monday 28th May 2018 at 6.30pm (optional to be confirmed)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6.30pm – finals organisation

More meetings may be scheduled if and when required.

The Club Competition Season Reviews will be held near the end or at the conclusion of Club Competition.

There will be a PRE-SEASON BRIEFING ON THE **WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH** before the start of the season which is mandatory for all TEAMS to have 2 delegates at. This will include an umpire's briefing and any information relevant to the club competition.

#### 5) The Draw

A **confirmed** club draw will be created in advance and issued to clubs via **email** to club contacts. The draws will also be available on the **HS website** at [www.hockeysouthland.co.nz/Competitions](http://www.hockeysouthland.co.nz/Competitions) and published on the Hockey Southland Facebook page. The draw is also accessible on the HS app.

We ask you to consider the online draw as the definitively correct version.

Teams to play each other in the Round One draw of the 2018 Club Competition will be selected at random.

HS reserves the right to make changes to any published draw if necessary and as such will advertise these changes via the HS app.

#### 6) Club Competition Format 2018

The Club Competition will consist initially of three divisions (the running of divisions is dependent on entries and may be subject to change due to entry numbers or other factors)

- **Division 1**
- **Division 2**
- **Division 3**

#### Men's Hockey 2018

##### **Division 1 Men (4/5 Teams)**

The competition format for **Division 1** with four teams will consist of 5 rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals where 1<sup>st</sup> goes straight through to final (can play a friendly game with 4<sup>th</sup> placed team) and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> with the winner of this game going through to the final. The loser of this game then takes third place and the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Division 1 Men (6 Teams)**

The competition format for **Division 1** with six teams will consist of three rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals (1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>) and a final. The final will be between the winners of the semi-final matches. The highest ranked semi-final loser (from the round robin phase) is awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition and the lowest ranked loser is awarded 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Division 2 Men (4/5 Teams)**

The competition format for **Division 1** with four teams will consist of 5 rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals where 1<sup>st</sup> goes straight through to final (can play a friendly game with 4<sup>th</sup> placed team) and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> with the winner of this game going through to the final. The loser of this game then takes third place and the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Division 2 Men (6+ Teams)**

The club competition for **Division 2** with six teams will consist of three rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals (1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>) and a final. The final will be between the winners of the semi-final matches. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place will be determined by number of points accrued in the round robin phase by the losers of the semi-finals.

## **Women's Hockey 2018**

### **Division 1 Women (4/5 Teams)**

The competition format for **Division 1** with four teams will consist of 5 rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals where 1<sup>st</sup> goes straight through to final (can play a friendly game with 4<sup>th</sup> placed team) and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> with the winner of this game going through to the final. The loser of this game then takes third place and the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Division 1 Women (6+ Teams)**

The competition format for **Division 1** with six teams will consist of three rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals (1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>) and a final. The final will be between the winners of the semi-final matches. The highest ranked semi-final loser (from the round robin phase) is awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the competition and the lowest ranked loser is awarded 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Division 2 Women (4/5 Teams)**

The competition format for **Division 1** with four teams will consist of 5 rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals where 1<sup>st</sup> goes straight through to final (can play a friendly game with 4<sup>th</sup> placed team) and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> with the winner of this game going through to the final. The loser of this game then takes third place and the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Division 2 Women (6+ Teams)**

The club competition for **Division 2** with six teams will consist of three rounds of round robin play (15 matches) followed by semi-finals (1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>) and a final. The final will be between the winners of the semi-final matches. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place will be determined by number of points accrued in the round robin phase by the losers of the semi-finals.

### **Points Competition Trophies**

Additional **Points Trophies** will be won by the teams that earn the most points in round robin phase on completion of the final round robin match. All points gained up to the time outlined above count toward this trophy.

## **Challenge Shield**

Teams in Premier Division will compete for a Men's and Women's Challenge Shield throughout regular Club Competition play. Please refer to Appendix

## **Rules**

All Divisions of the Club Competition will be played under the current FIH Rules of Hockey and HS SW Competition Rules. All players and officials should familiarise themselves with the rules.

### **7) Competition Fixtures**

All Division 1, 2 and 3 club competition matches will be allocated a 90-minute time slot. These slots include time for two 35-minute halves, a 5-minute half time, 5 minutes injury time and 10 minutes between matches to allow watering of turf and warm up.

All division 4 matches will be allocated a 60-minute time slot. This allows for 25-minute halves, 5-minute half time and 5 minutes for watering the turf between games.

The umpires and their watches control match times - the scoreboard is an indication only and not the official time. Teams must be on the field and ready to start at the time specified on the Match Card.

Any warm-up time on the turf will be reliant on the previous matches starting and finishing on time. It is for this reason that all teams and umpires must make an effort to keep matches on time.

#### **i) Club Competition Days:**

**Friday night:**                    *Division 1 Men*  
   *Division 1 Women*

**Combined Senior Days Saturdays:**    *Division 1 Women and Men*  
*(we will try to hold 2-3 of these this season)*

**Saturday:**                        *Division 2 and 3 Women*

**Sunday:**                         *Division 2 Men*  
   *Division 4*

#### **ii) Match Times:**

Friday night games will be started at 6.30pm if two games to be played or 7pm if one game and one team is travelling.

Saturday and Sunday games may start at 9am and go through to whatever time required to make sure all games are played. All games must finish by 10pm latest to comply with local regulations.

**Note:** This is a guide only. Matches will be allocated to time slots at the discretion of the General Manager and SWCC. Match times may change from time to time due to changes in division entries or other hockey commitments of the Association.

**Matches affected by bad weather shall be dealt with under the HS Bad Weather Policy. Delegates from ESHA (Stephen Hook) and IHA (?) will make the decisions on whether games will be played if weather becomes an issue. We ask that common sense is applied and the health and safety of the players and officials is foremost in any decision made about the playing of games.**

## 8) Win/Loss format

Round robin matches ending in a draw in all divisions shall stay as a draw.

### Semi Finals

Semi-finals in divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be decided with a penalty shoot-out if the score is drawn at fulltime. This is in line with HNZ NST rules.

Semi-finals in division four shall be decided by a 2x golden goal extra time periods (if 2 are required) and then a penalty shoot-out if the score is drawn at fulltime. This is in line with HNZ U13 rules.

### Finals

Finals in divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be decided by a penalty shoot-out if the score is drawn at fulltime. This is in line with HNZ NST rules.

Semi-finals in divisions four shall be decided by a 2x golden goal extra time periods (if 2 are required) and then a penalty shoot-out if the score is drawn at fulltime. This is in line with HNZ U13 rules.

Competition points shall be awarded as follows:

### All Divisions

<b>Win</b>	3 points
<b>Draw</b>	1 point
<b>Loss</b>	0 points
<b>Default</b>	2 points

The shoot-out regulations can be found in the HS SW Competition Rules.

## B. Players and Teams

### 9) Team Entries

Clubs will be required to enter team names, which division they are entered in, a contact person, and the details of the Club's Executive members by 9th March 2018.

Teams entering the Club Competition agree to pay the fees and levies as set out by Hockey New Zealand, the local associations and Hockey Southland. HS fees are set out in Appendix 1.

### 10) Player Registrations

All Club players shall be registered via their club contact on a digital Excel spreadsheet. No handwritten registration forms will be accepted.

The association secretary or delegated person will up-date the player information on the Sports TG system and then send that information back to the club for checking.

All players **MUST** be registered or updated via the Sports TG system before taking the field in the fourth Club Competition Match. This can be done by making sure the team registration forms are emailed to the General Manager and the SWCC gmail [swcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:swcompetition@gmail.com) by or before 1st May 2018.



If a Club, without reasonable excuse, fields a player who has not registered, the Competition Committee will first send a written warning and/or deem the offending team to have defaulted their next match 4-0 for any further infraction after the first offence.

A Club becomes liable to pay HS the Hockey NZ Affiliation Fee when a player has taken the field 3 times for that Club.

### 11) Player Transfers

A player shall not play for more than one Club at one time except if they belong to a combined clubs team. Players must then follow the rules as applied to floating up into teams above. Players may play in both a school and a club competition.

A player who has previously been registered to a hockey club ("the Old Club"), and wishes to register with a "New Club", must be transferred from the Old Club to the New Club, in the following format, before taking the field for the New Club:

- Between two Clubs in the HS competition, the transfer is via the Sports TG System
- Between clubs in different Associations, the transfer is via the Sports TG System

When a player has already played for the Old Club in the current season, the player may not take the field in a match for a period of 14 days *from the date the transfer request is lodged*.

A Club is entitled to refuse a request only if a player is un-financial with them. Old Clubs should not unreasonably delay responding to a transfer request; they should either approve it or inform the New Club that the player is un-financial, so that the un-financial Player process can take effect.

If a Club, without reasonable excuse, fields a player who has not properly transferred via the Sports TG system, the Competition Committee *may* deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 4-0.

### 12) Un-financial Player Process

A club, school or Association declares a player un-financial if they have failed to pay fees/return equipment or have caused damage to equipment. Players cannot take part in any hockey activity (including playing, umpiring or coaching) in New Zealand until the un-financial status is withdrawn. It should be respected as one of the only effective ways of ensuring players pay their debts.

Clubs are asked to promptly make the General Manager aware of any un-financial players/members

If a Club, knowingly and without reasonable excuse, fields a player who has been declared un-financial by any other organisation, the Competitions Committee **shall** deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 4-0.

### 13) Team Members

All players will be assigned to teams via the team registration sheet that clubs send to the General Manager and SWCC.

If the Club fails to assign the player to a team, the General Manager will assign the player to the team they first played for in the current season (unless otherwise advised by the Club).

Each team in the Club Competition must have a minimum of 13 players assigned to it.

Only 16 players may take the field for a team in any match. If a team contains more than 16 players, only 16 players may be named to play any match. No player may be added to the scorecard after the match has begun.

If an umpire finds that a team has fielded more than 16 players in a match, the Competitions Committee **shall** deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 4-0 and will receive a written warning. On any subsequent offence the Competitions Committee shall deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 4-0.

All teams must have a nominated captain as part of the playing team designated by an armband at every match. All captains are required to wear a captain's band on their arm or sock. This should be passed to a different player any time the captain leaves the field.

Umpires must police and enforce this regulation. It is also strongly suggested that all teams have a non-playing manager to deal with in-game administration etc. It is envisioned that it will be compulsory for all teams to have at least a non-playing manager by the 2019 season.

#### **14) Player Grading, Regrading & De-registrations**

When a Club Official assigns a player to a team, that player is deemed to be registered to that team.

*E.g. Jenny is assigned to the Hauroko Valley Llamas, Hauroko Valley's B Women's team in the Division 3 Women's competition. Jenny is a **division 3** graded player for Hauroko Valley.*

After registration a Club Official may permanently regrade a player UP a team at any time by an email to the SW Competitions Committee, providing that the regrade does not cause either team to have too many or too few players assigned to it.

*E.g. Jenny's club regrades her to the A Women's team in the Division 2 Competition because they need an extra striker. Jenny is now a division 1 graded player for Hauroko Valley.*

After registration a Club Official may only permanently regrade a player DOWN a team with written permission from SW Competitions Committee, providing that the regrade is for a valid reason and does not cause either team to have too many or too few players assigned to it.

*E.g. Hauroko Valley requests that the SWCC regrade Molly to the B Women's team in Division 3, as Molly now works on Saturdays.*

A Club Official may only deregister a player from a club entirely with written permission from SW Competitions Committee. The player must have a season-ending injury, be moving away, have failed to pay Club fees, or have some other change of circumstances meaning the player can or should no longer take part in hockey in Southland.

*E.g. Hauroko Valley requests that Match Committee deregister Jenny from the Hauroko Valley Llamas, as she is moving to Auckland for a new job.*

## 15) Floating Players

Floating players (referred to as “floaters”) are players who ‘float up’ from their regular team to fill a gap in a higher graded team when required.

A player may now play for a higher graded team as many times as they wish without being regraded to that team *provided that* the team captain writes the player’s name on the card with an “(F)” next to it, to show that the player is floating up.

Honest mistakes, by not writing an extra player’s name on the Match Card or not placing an “(F)” next to their name *may* be dealt with by the Competitions Committee as a Match Card Infringement, however, if the Competitions Committee believes that by their conduct the Club has attempted to deliberately mislead them, the Competitions Committee will in the first instance send a written warning to the club and then in any further infringement shall deem the match to have been defaulted 4-0 by the offending club team.

A player may not play for a lower graded team without a regrade or in accordance with the Goalkeeper Rule below.

If a Club fields a player for a **lower** graded team without a regrade, the Competitions Committee **shall** deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 4-0.

## 16) Goalkeeper Rule

A player who usually plays as a specialist goalkeeper may play in a lower graded team in their Club as a field player as if they were a separate person. A player who usually plays as a field player may play in a lower graded team as a goalkeeper, as if they were a separate person.

The Club must make it clear to the Competitions Committee that this is what is happening. The player is counted as a member of both teams for the purposes of team numbers.

This rule does not prevent a field player from playing in the goal for his or her own team occasionally when necessary.

Use of this rule is a privilege, not a right, and if the Competitions Committee suspects this rule is being abused, they may disallow the player from continuing to play in the lower graded team.

## 17) Eligibility for Finals

Failure of a Club to pay any fees, levies, penalties or fines to either Hockey New Zealand, their Association or Hockey Southland by the due date may lead to the SWCC declaring that the Club’s teams are ineligible for finals.

A player is only eligible to play for a team in a Club Competition final if that player has taken the field for that specific team at least 5 times before in the Club Competition. Applications to Competition Committee for dispensation to waive this regulation will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances.

## C. Match Day Regulations

### 18) Uniforms

All clubs buying new uniforms are required to submit uniforms to the General Manager please. This should be done BEFORE Clubs order a new uniform. Taking the field in an unapproved uniform may cause the Competitions Committee to deem a match to be defaulted 4-0 and/or fine a Club up to \$50.00. This is to make sure there is no uniform clashes in the competition.

All players in a team are required to wear a clearly numbered uniform of the same colour. A player in a different colour shall not take the field without the opposition captain and both umpires' approval.

A player without a number (other than goalkeepers) may not take the field. If necessary, players should tape a number on their back. Goals scored by an unnumbered player still count, but should not be awarded to any specific player. Umpires must require an unnumbered player to leave the field to be numbered as soon as they notice they are on the field.

Failure of teams to have clearly numbered uniforms of the same colour may be noted by the umpires on the Match Card. Repeated failures *may* cause the Competitions Committee to deem that the offending team has defaulted the match 4-0.

All captains are required to wear a captain's band on their arm or sock. This should be passed to a different player any time the captain leaves the field.

### 19) Match Balls

All teams must provide a decent, regulation match ball that has no faults, chunks missing or excessive writing on it.

### 20) Match Cards, Results and Protests

Match Cards will be provided at each venue that clubs must clearly fill in with the match details and player names and shirt numbers printed.

**Before** the match team captains or management should check that:

- All players are in correct coloured and numbered uniforms.
- That the players' names and numbers are recorded correctly on the Match Card.
- That no more than 16 players are on the Match Card (and extra players are crossed off).
- The match card at start of the game is *final* and NO further additions are permitted.

It is **always** the responsibility of the team captain or in the case of younger grade teams the manager to ensure all details on the Match Card are correct before signing it at the end of the match. A signed Match Card constitutes the correct and final score and an acceptance of the accuracy of all details on the Match Card.

**After** the match team captains should always check that:

- Goals are allocated to the correct players.
- Personal penalty cards/points are allocated to the correct players.
- The final score is recorded correctly.

Failing to ensure team details are correct may lead to Clubs not having scores counted towards semi-final and final qualification.

If a captain disagrees with the details on a Match Card, the captain should write "UNDER PROTEST" in the area for signature, initial it, then complete the **Protests** procedures found in the HS **Code of Conduct** (which requires written notice of the Protest to the Competitions Committee within 24 hours).

The umpires should ensure both team captains have a chance to review and sign the Match Card, and must return the Match Card to the scorecard box. Once the Match Card has been returned to the turf box, it cannot be retrieved or viewed by any persons other than the General Manager.

Results for each division will be available from the HS website. If you consider any results to be incorrect please notify the SWCC and General Manager by email so we can review the Match Card.

### 21) **Conduct of players, bench and supporters**

Participants, officials AND spectators are bound by the HS Code of Conduct and shall, at all times, conduct themselves fairly and in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of personal conduct, so as not to prejudice the interests of hockey or bring themselves, the game of hockey, or Association, into disrepute. For more detailed description of what this entails please refer to the HS Code of Conduct Section 5 – Standards of Conduct. For a copy of the HS Code of Conduct please see the Hockey Southland website.

### 22) **Umpire Abuse**

Only the team captain or in the case of division 4 teams the team manager, may approach umpires before, during and after matches. Punishments for breaking this rule are at the discretion of the umpire. Abuse of our volunteer umpires is unacceptable. Umpires awarding a card for abusive conduct or dissent, or whom experiences abusive conduct or dissent upon awarding a card for another offence must indicate on the Match Card that abuse occurred or communicate it to the General Manager and/or the Umpires Coordinator (if one is appointed).

A player or team cited for abuse may be called to appear in front of the General Manager and/or Umpire Coordinator (if one is appointed) to explain him or herself.

Failure to correct their conduct may lead to further consequences including referring a player to a Judicial Committee, or in the case of a team, the General Manager may require a written apology, and/or competition points from the team.

### 23) **Deferrals**

The Competitions Committee will consider deferrals applications through a transparent process. Any team applying for a deferral must have **a minimum of 6** of its **registered players unavailable** due to other hockey commitments or extraordinary circumstances and be unable to source floaters.

A club wishing to defer a match must apply by email to the Competitions Committee as early as possible before the proposed match.

If successful, the teams shall be encouraged to communicate with each other to find a game time and venue that is acceptable to both teams.

This new arrangement must then be emailed to and approved by the General Manager who will make changes to the draw and book new turf times.

#### 24) Defaults

Teams must advise the opposition and the SW Competitions Committee by email **at least 48 hours prior (unless under extreme circumstances)** to the match's advertised start time of both their intention to default, and their reasons for the default. Teams failing to do so will be deemed to have lost the match by 4-0.

The SWCC will advise the General Manager and the Umpires Coordinator (if one is appointed)

Any team defaulting two matches in succession, or three during a season, will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.

Teams that do not take the field, or cannot field **at least 7 registered players within 10 minutes** of the advertised start time, without reasonable explanation acceptable to SW Competitions Committee will be considered to have defaulted the match 4-0.

#### 25) First Aid and Injury Policy

All teams competing must make themselves aware of the first aid policies of HS.

All major incidents **must** be reported to an HS representative immediately, or if none are on-site or contactable, in writing as soon as possible. Incident report forms are available in each pavilion in the Incident Register Folder.

On-field management of injuries, including time stoppages, is at the umpire's discretion in accordance with the rules.

Head injuries and concussion are to be dealt with according to the ACC guidelines for concussion handbook and on a 'better safe than sorry' policy. Following a head injury, the player will be stood down until they can present a medical clearance certificate to HS.

All teams competing in any competition must carry a basic first aid kit for every match. Basic first aid supplies will be available in the pavilion at each venue but this is as a back-up NOT the primary source of first aid supplies.

#### 26) Disciplinary actions

All players must abide by the Code of Conduct at all times. Any on-field punishments are at the discretion of the umpires and subsequent disciplinary will be dealt with on cumulative points based on the awarding of coloured cards or, for more serious issues, a case-by-case basis. Depending on the card, and the number of points accumulated, an automatic penalty may be imposed, or a further penalty or suspension may result depending on the decision of the Judicial Committee. The issuing of a card carries points, which can be awarded by umpires to any Participant associated with the team during a match (which is defined as the period 30 minutes prior to the start of a match

until 30 minutes after the match has ended). If an umpire does not have access to the appropriate coloured card, then verbally stating the nature of the card will equally suffice as a valid mode of delivery of the card.

Each card will carry penalty points as follows:

Green	1 Point
Yellow	3 to 6 Points as determined by the umpires at the end of the match or in consultation with the Competitions Officer or Judiciary.
Red	12 points and automatic suspension until a Judicial Committee Hearing is convened

Participants accumulating 12 points (through receiving green and/or yellow cards) during the competition will automatically be suspended for one match. Further action may be taken at the discretion of the Competition Committee. Following the suspension, six points will remain credited to the Participant, and shall remain on the record of the Participant for the remainder of the competition.

Where a red card has been awarded to a Participant, the offender is required to attend a hearing with the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee may impose whatever penalty or suspension they consider appropriate, in addition to the automatic suspension.

Following the suspension, a minimum of six points will remain credited to the Participant, and shall remain on the record of the Participant, for the duration of 12 months. If the Participant had accumulated more than six points before the issuing of the red card, then this balance of points will remain on record.

In the case of a card being awarded to the wrong player, or any other situation where the Judicial Committee concludes that a gross error or an injustice has occurred, the Judicial Committee may in its discretion, retract the card and make the appropriate adjustments to the documentation and accumulated points total.

## Fees and Levies

### **Administration Fee:**

ESHA and IHA to pay \$5 per registered player towards the cost of administration of the SW Competition to Hockey Southland.

### **Affiliation Fees:**

HS will invoice each club in the SW Competition for their player affiliation fees according to the registration forms they send in.

### **Match Fees:**

Division 1, 2 and 3 teams \$75 per team per game or \$95 per team per game with lights.  
Division 4 teams \$45 per team per game

**Match Fees Payment:** individual invoices will be sent to clubs.

**Failure to Pay fees:** May mean for a club that they will be unable to register teams until the fees are paid or arrangements have been made to pay off the debt.

### **2018 Turf Hire Charges:**

#### **ILT Invercargill Turfs**

	Full Turf	Half Turf
Summer to 4pm	\$25	na
Summer after 4pm	\$55	na
Winter to 4pm	\$25	Na
Winter after 4pm (schools)	\$70	\$35?
Winter after 4pm (all others)	\$80	\$40
School Exchanges	\$40	na

#### **MLT Gore Turf**

	<b>Full Turf</b>	<b>Half Turf</b>
<b>Practices</b>	\$80	\$40
<b>School Use</b>	\$30	\$15
<b>Representative practices</b>	\$60	\$30
<b>SW Competition Games</b>	Div. 1, 2 &3 Div. 4	\$75 per game per team \$45 per game per team
<b>Representative Games (in line with other Southern Region associations)</b>	U13 U15 Yr 5&6	\$46 per game per team \$57.50 per game per team \$23 per game per team

All prices include GST

Effective: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018



Charges for turf hire (e.g. practices) will be invoiced to clubs monthly with payment due 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following invoice date.

Clubs are invited to email the General Manager at [manager@hockeysouthland.co.nz](mailto:manager@hockeysouthland.co.nz) to book the training times they need. Please keep in mind the turf is very busy during the week and Clubs are asked to keep booking time lengths and turf space to a reasonable amount.

All clubs are able to see the current turf bookings online for both venues on the HS website <http://www.hockeysouthland.co.nz/IMPORTANT-INFO/Online-Turf-Bookings-Calendar> and may choose times outside of those already booked. Clubs must inform the General Manager by email of any further training hours.

Keys for the ILT Invercargill turf may be signed for with the General Manager. The key for the Gore turf is in the lockbox by the gate.

Clubs and groups must cancel any unwanted turf/hall bookings at least 24 hours in advance, or they may be liable for the full cost of turf/hall hire.

Please note, as per the Resource Consent, turf lights must be switched off at 10pm. It is the team's responsibility to vacate the turf promptly at this time, turn off the lights, lock up the buildings and the gate/s as leaving.

## Rules for the Challenge Shield

The Division 1 Challenge Shield competition's have been established by HS in 2018 to encourage add excitement to the regular SW Club Competition.

The Men's and Women's shields are competed for during the round robin competition games. A Challenge Shield match will be noted on the draw.

With 2018 being the inaugural year the Challenge Shields are to be competed for, the teams to play for the shield first will be drawn at the pre-season briefing. After that the shield is competed for every home game the holders play.

The following rules must then be complied with:

**1) The Challenge Shield may only be won by a challenger from its defender:**

- a) By a Club entered in the SW Club Competition;
- b) In a match of the regular Club season in the usual allocated time-slot;
  - i) This does not include quarter-finals, semi-finals or finals;
  - ii) This does not include matches deferred by Match Committee or bad weather;
- c) By an **Outright Win** in regular time;
- d) This does not include wins in extra time or penalty shoot-out.

**2) The Challenge Shield shall:**

- a) Be presented to the winning team at the completion of the match;
- b) Remain at the appropriate pavilion at all times;
- c) Be presented to the current holders at Club Competition Prize Giving.

**3) In the case of the team holding the Shield:**

- a) Being withdrawn from the competition or not re-entering the competition;
- b) Removing the Shield from the appropriate pavilion;
- c) Acting in a disreputable manner not deserving of the Shield at any time;

**Any** other situation not covered by these rules, the Competitions Committee has full discretion to decide who holds the Shield or put it up for challenge in any match.