

BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC

JUNIOR LOCAL RULES

These Junior Local Rules should be read in conjunction with the BWA Rules of Association, By-Laws, Local Rules, U9 Rules and U7 Rules.

1. Junior Age Groups

1.1 **Under 7 Rookey:** A player who is over the age of four (4), and who has not reached the age of seven (7) by the first of January of the current year is eligible to play U7 Rookey (Quarter Field Hockey).

Under 9 Rookey: A player who is over the age of six (6), and who has not reached the age of nine (9) by the first of January of the current year is eligible to play in the U9 Rookey (Half Field) hockey fixtures.

A player who is over the age of eight (8), and who has not reached the age of seventeen (17) by the first of January of the current year is eligible to play in the Junior fixtures.

A player who is over seven (7) but under the age of eight (8) by the first of January of the current year, may be given consideration to play in the lowest full field Junior team for their club to act as a reserve, but permission must be sought in writing on Club Letterhead from Junior Management to do so. The request must clearly state the player's date of birth, reason for request, playing history and ability, and the full field team they would be acting as a reserve for.

A player who has reached the age of thirteen (13) by the first of January of the current year is eligible to play in Senior fixtures, however a player who has reached the age of twelve (12) by the first of January of the current year is eligible to play in the Senior fixtures with the prior written approval of the Senior Management Committee.

2. A maximum of sixteen (16) players with rolling substitution will be permitted to be named on Match Cards/Sheets for full field teams. Player's names must be listed alphabetically, surname first. No name shall remain on the team card/sheet unless they take the field.
3. U7 Rookey will be played on fields approximately one quarter the size of normal hockey fields.
4. No points will be allocated for U7 Rookey fixtures or U9 Rookey fixtures.
5. Seven (7) players will constitute an U7 Rookey team. Reserves may be interchanged freely during the game provided that no more than seven players from each team are on the field at the same time.
6. Pushing & Slap Hitting only are permitted in U7 Rookey. The ball must always be moved by a player using a stroke that has their hands apart on the stick.
7. Half Field U9 Rookey Hockey Fixtures will be played on fields approximately half the size of a normal hockey field.
8. Guides/Coaches will be allowed on the field for the entire season for both U7 Rookey and U9 Rookey Hockey.
9. Nine players will constitute an U9 Rookey Hockey Team.
10. In all divisions of Junior Hockey, "**DANGEROUS STICKS**" will be penalised under the **FIH** Rules: "*Players on the field must hold their stick and not use it in a dangerous way.*" and

“Players must not intimidate or impede another player”

11. Coaches in Under 11B & C shall be permitted for the first round of fixtures to take the field to assist teams in these Under 11 hockey (i.e. Full Field) divisions. The coaches who are on the field must position themselves **between the two 25 yard lines only** when on the field to insure that they do not interfere with the play or umpiring of the game.
12. Coaches in Under 11A are not permitted to be on the field at any time during the season.
13. The age divisions for Junior Hockey shall be JT1 to JT3 and 13T (Junior Turf - extra grades as necessary), JG1 to JG4 (Junior Grass – extra grades were necessary), Under 13, and Under 11.
14. Players may play in higher teams than the team they are registered in, but not in lower teams. **However, they must play in their own team** (the team they are registered in). Refer By-Law 2 Registrations
15. A players’ name can only appear on two Match cards/sheets for their club in each Junior Fixture Week.
16. Please refer to the BWA By-Laws b2 for full guidelines on Registrations.
17. No Coaches, Officials, Spectators etc may position themselves behind the Goal Line to coach, intimidate, talk to or influence the players or umpires. All Coaches, Officials, Spectators etc must be at least one metre from the sideline. The Umpires and BWA Officials have the right to ask the offending person/ people to move.
18. **No Spectators may situate themselves between the following fields: F1 & 9; F2 & 8; F6 & 7; F4 & 5. This is to reduce risk to spectators and umpires as the areas between these fields is too restrictive.**
19. **No smoking is allowed in the areas as listed in Rule 18, nor in front of the clubhouse. Smoking is only permitted in the outer perimeter area of the park.**
20. All Junior Finals Series will be contested as a 4 Team Series (*see BWA Local Rule 16*).
 - 20.1 Junior Turf Division 1 (JT1) Grand Final only – 7.5 minutes each way - sudden death extra time; if no result then Penalty Stroke competition as per Hockey Rules (see BWA By-Law b6.6.2)
19. All Junior Team Grading will be based on the personnel lists submitted to the BWA Fixture & Grading Committee. Clubs must ensure all information requested is completed and submitted on the correct date as advised to clubs at the beginning of the season. Failure to meet the rule conditions will mean the team will not be considered for a position in the division requested.
20. All players listed on the Junior Turf Division Team Lists for trials must be available and intending to play all fixtures in the first round. If players are named who don’t play most of the fixtures during the first round, the team will forfeit all points for that round and the club will receive a fine to be advised by Junior Management. Club must advise Junior Management immediately if a players’ name is to be removed from the team list and advise the reason, they will then determine if this rule will be enforced.
21. All Junior Full Field Fixtures shall be 30 minutes each way, with a 5 minute half time, unless otherwise advised by the Junior Management Committee.
22. If a team forfeits on 3 or more occasions or withdraws a team from the competition leaving a bye in that division after 1st May of each year, then the club will be fined \$110.00 (GST inc) per match for the third and every subsequent forfeit/bye.

- 23 No Team Registration or Grading Form will be accepted unless submitted at the correct date, time and place and is accompanied by all the required documentation ie: Birth Certificates, Membership Form, Clearance (if Required).
- 24 No player will be classed as registered or be eligible to play a game with BWA unless a Membership Form, Birth Certificate and Clearance (if required) are supplied to the BWA Office prior to them taking the field and their details have been entered into the club database.
- 25 No changes of registration shall be permitted after the last game of the first round of fixtures.
- 26 Registered Senior Players, eligible by age to play Junior fixtures, may not register with the Junior Section after the last game of the first round of fixtures.
- 27 All BWA U15 & U18 Representative Players must sit the BWA Rules paper prior to playing at the State Championships.
- 28 All U13 BWA Representative Players must sit a rules paper at one of their training sessions prior to playing at the State Championships.
- 29 Umpires/ Team Officials are to contact the BWA Office immediately to report any problems or potential problems during a fixture, this includes dangerous or inappropriate behaviour by any player, official or spectator. Junior Management will send someone to the field to take any necessary action. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE GAME – TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY.**
- 30 Each club is to have an appointed Club Official each Saturday Junior Fixtures are held at Downey Park. These Club Officials are to report the BWA Office prior to the commencement of the first game of the day to sign on and receive an identifying bib to wear. In the event of any problems regarding members from their club, they will be called to the necessary field to control and manage the inappropriate behaviour from their club member.
31. All players in Junior Turf Divisions and those players nominating for representative teams, must wear a visible identification number on the back of their playing shirt which must not be duplicated by any other member of that Club.
32. Any matters that need approval by, response from, or action by Management are to be submitted on club letterhead and will be discussed at designated meetings of the committee.

General Rules taken from BWA Local Rules
(please see the BWA Local Rules for the complete list)

7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 Caps

The wearing of visors or caps with Hard peaks eg “Hard Plastic” is **not** allowed. A BWA Official may remove any non-conforming player from the field.

7.2 Helmet

If a team does not have a Goalkeeper, the field player who has the privileges of a goalkeeper (i.e. Kicking Fullback) must wear a helmet for the entire duration of the match and must remain primarily in their defensive Goal Circle. A BWA Official may remove any non-conforming player from the field.

7.3 Protective Equipment

It is **Compulsory** for all players to wear Shin Guards. A BWA Official may remove any non-conforming player from the field.

BWA **strongly recommends** that all protective equipment allowed under the rules be worn especially mouthguards. Players should note that failure to wear a Mouthguard may void Insurance claims for injuries.

7.4 It is **Compulsory** for players to remove all jewellery prior to taking part in any match. A BWA Official may remove any non-conforming player from the field.

10. UNIFORMS

All players should be correctly dressed throughout a match – in their clubs approved uniform and their socks pulled up. A BWA Official may remove any non-conforming player from the field.

With reference to new By-Law 10.1.1, players will not be allowed to take the field unless they are in correct approved uniform, including sports briefs or bike pants. Bike pants and “Skins” may be worn by any player as long as they are the same colour and shorter than the club playing skirt unless otherwise approved. A BWA Official may remove any non-conforming player from the field.

All teams must have a Captain who must wear a distinctive Arm Band or ribbon on their uniform.

12. INJURIES & ILLNESS

12.1 Any player who has a wound which is bleeding must leave the field immediately and cannot return to the field until:

12.1.1 The bleeding has stopped and the wound securely covered.

12.1.2 All traces of blood have been removed from their skin and clothes. Blood must be washed from the ground/turf area.

12.2 Any player who sustains an injury to the head, must not retake the field without the approval of a BWA approved Sports Trainer or qualified Medical Officer.

12.3 BWA recommends that any player who suffers from any medical condition, which may require attention from or impact on treatment given by the BWA Sports Trainer/First Aid Officer, should ensure that the BWA Sports Trainer/First Aid Officer is advised prior to participation in any fixtures.

12.4 Please ensure all members of your club are aware of the “Sun Safe Policy”. A copy is available in your Club Administration Folder, on the Web or by contacting the BWA office.

- 12.5 Any injury which requires a Sports Trainer to be called onto the field, then the player must leave the field for a minimum of five (5) minutes.
- 12.6 Any injury that results in an Ambulance taking a player to hospital, then the injured player MUST supply a Medical Certificate prior to playing another fixture.
- 12.7 No player may take part in any game while wearing a non-removable cast on any part of the body.