

## **BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC PREGNANT PLAYER POLICY**

1. Brisbane Women's Hockey Association Inc endeavours to inform all members of its Pregnant Player Policy.
2. All players, on confirmation of their pregnant status, are strongly encouraged to seek medical advice in respect to their own medical position and the medical position of the unborn child, and to consult closely with the medical practitioner if/whilst the pregnant player continues to participate in hockey fixtures and training.
3. Pregnant players are also strongly encouraged to obtain relevant advice as to their position - legal and/or otherwise - regarding the mother's duty of care to the unborn child.
4. Coaches, trainers and sports medicine attendants should be informed if pregnant players are participating in hockey fixtures or training.
5. It is the responsibility of the pregnant player to inform their coaches, trainers and sports medicine attendants of their pregnant status and condition.
6. Given the high risk nature of hockey, where contact between players, the ball, hockey sticks and fixed structures such as goal boxes is possible, it is in the best interest of the pregnant player, unborn child, fellow team members, and the members of the opposition team if pregnant players are strongly discouraged from participating in hockey fixtures at the end of their first trimester of pregnancy.
7. BWA Inc management and duty officers cannot be held liable for any injury to pregnant players who continue to play hockey without or against medical advice.