

SOUTH WEST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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pursuant to Clause 16 of the Constitution
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1.0 DEFINITIONS

Throughout these Bylaws the words hereunder referred to shall bear the meanings herein below:

“Association” shall mean any Association affiliated with the Western Australian Hockey Association.

“Executive” shall mean the Board of Directors of the South West Hockey Association Inc (SWHA).

“League” shall mean the hockey competition established by the SWHA for its members from time to time.

“Team” shall mean any organised group of players entered into a competition sanctioned by the SWHA and representing a member of the SWHA.

“Technical Delegate” shall be that person appointed or elected to carry out certain prescribed duties as specified by these Bylaws and the “Directions to Technical Delegates.” Technical Delegates for hockey matches have two main duties including:

a) To ensure the fixture card is completed correctly for each match.

b) To ensure teams abide by the “Stadium Regulations” of each Hockey Stadium.

“Records Keeper” shall be that person appointed or elected to carry out certain prescribed duties as specified by these Bylaws.

For the purpose of by-law 13.0 Misconduct Cards - “Affiliated Associations” shall mean Busselton, Bunbury & Districts & Collie Associations; senior, junior & veteran grades.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION OF BYLAWS

The Executive through the Committee, appointed by the SWHA, will monitor adherence to these Bylaws and take such action permitted to ensure that all members abide by these Bylaws.

3.0 DUTIES OF MEMBERS

3.1 Clubs shall comply with reasonable requests of the Executive or of any sub-committee established by the SWHA.

3.2 Members and their Coaches, Captains and Managers of any team entered in the League or in any competition established by the SWHA shall bear the ultimate responsibility for their teams’ actions and conduct on and off the hockey field both during home and away matches.

4.0 AFFILIATION, REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION

4.1 An affiliation fee for each team, shall be decided upon by the Executive, or representative, and shall be paid to the SWHA by each team by the third (3rd) fixture week of the current season.

4.2 A registration list of each team’s members must be presented to the Records Keeper by the third (3rd) fixture week. Dates of birth, addresses and phone numbers of all players are also required. Failure to pay the required fees or present the register of members by the due date will automatically render the team ineligible to participate in further games from that date until the fees are paid or register of members is provided as required by this rule.

4.3 The names, dates of birth, addresses and phone numbers of any players joining the team after the third (3rd) fixture week must be written on the back of the fixture card of the match they are playing in. Note: Bylaw 6.0 also applies.

4.4 The South West Hockey League Convenor and Committee shall ratify the entry of new Clubs and Teams.

4.5 Application for admission of a Club or Team shall be made in writing to the Convenor of the SWHL.

4.6 When applying for admission, a Club or Team shall submit for approval their proposed colours, uniform and state how they propose to sustain the Clubs’ existence.

4.7 Applicants shall be given a copy of the SWHA Bylaws and in the application for submission, must agree to be bound thereby.

5.0 UNIFORMS

- 5.1 All team members must wear the uniform registered by the team on its nomination form. Umpires have the authority to remove from the field of play, any player not wearing the correct uniform by the commencement of the third (3rd) fixture date of the current hockey season.
- 5.2 If the playing uniforms of both teams in a fixture are so similar that it may lead to a possible confusion, the travelling or second named team in that fixture shall wear an alternate uniform.
- 5.3 Bike shorts worn in conjunction with the registered uniform must be either skin-toned or the same colour as the registered skirt or shorts.

6.0 TRANSFERS

- 6.1 A team shall not play a person who has played for another team, Association (not being the SWHA) or Metropolitan Club until that person has been transferred in accordance with this Bylaw. A person who has not played hockey for more than three (3) years does not require a transfer.
- 6.2 Transfer conditions do not apply to the South West Strikers who are registered players of their Association.
- 6.3 No person may be a playing member of two (2) teams or Associations at any time, except when that person is a member of a junior team or Veterans team with one Club/Association and also plays in any other grade of another Club/Association, or in special circumstances as determined by the Executive, or representative.
- 6.4 Players transferring from Club to Club within the SWHA must submit a transfer, on the approved form, to the Convenor of the South West Hockey League Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the game in which the player is to play. A transfer for any other player outside the SWHA must be presented, on the approved form, to the Convenor of the South West Hockey League Committee at least ten (10) days before the commencement of the game in which the player is to play. The Club will be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the transfer by the Convenor of the League Committee. The player cannot play unless the transfer has been ratified by the Convenor of the League Committee.
- 6.5 A player cannot play in a game for a Club unless the player has been residing in Western Australia for 21 continuous days immediately prior to that game, or the Club has obtained prior approval from the Executive, or representative. A written application for approval must be lodged with the Executive, or representative at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the game in which the player is to play.
- 6.6 Transfers will not usually be accepted after June 30th in each year. A letter should accompany the request for clearance for the Executive, or representative to approve or disapprove.
- 6.7 A team or Association may refuse a clearance of a player on the grounds that the person is indebted to that organisation or in possession of any property belonging to that organisation. Any question as to a clearance may be referred to the Executive, or representative, who may, notwithstanding the failure of the Club to grant a clearance, declare the player eligible to play for another Club (subject to all debts and property being cleared and or returned to the players' former Club).

7.0 COMPETITION MATCHES

7.1 PLAYERS

- 7.1.1 A team shall select eleven (11) players for each match. An additional five (5) players from the same or lower grade may be selected to act as reserves for substitution for each match. A written team list is to be recorded on the fixture card and will have the first eleven players numbered from 1-11 and will only contain names of those players who take the field at the start of the game. The fixture card is to be completed by the team captain and handed to the Technical Delegate before the start of the match. The Technical Delegate may add names of players who take the field after the commencement of play. No players' name shall be added to the fixture card unless he or she takes the field in that game and the fixture card shall not exceed sixteen (16) names.
- 7.1.2 No team shall commence play with less than seven (7) players, one of whom must wear secured protective headgear. A team with less than eleven (11) players may add extra players during the progress of the game until the full complement of eleven is reached.
- 7.1.3 Substitution of players may take place at any time, except during a penalty corner, such that there are never more than eleven (11) players of one team on the field (inclusive of any team member suspended by the umpire).

- 7.1.4 The minimum age for a player wishing to play senior grades shall be twelve (12) years old as at January 1st in that current hockey season. Clubs wishing to play younger players must apply to the Executive, or representative in writing for special dispensation.

7.2 **FIXTURE CARDS**

- 7.2.1 Fixture cards shall record the result of the match, a list of players who participated in both teams (number, surname and Christian name), and cards given, goal scorers and any comments regarding the match. The fixture card is to be signed by the Captains of both teams to confirm that all recorded details are correct. Both umpires who officiated the match are to sign the fixture card and record the best players for each team and the match. The fixture card is then given to the Technical Delegate who places it in the records box once all details have been completed.
- 7.2.2 The first named Club for each fixture is responsible for the collection of the fixture card from the appropriate pigeonhole prior to the commencement of the match.
- 7.2.3 The Records Keeper shall keep a record of all player registrations and the matches in which each registered player has played and report any discrepancies to the Executive, or representative.
- 7.2.4 Provided the players names are recorded on the fixture card, those players shall be considered having played in the match in the event of the opposing team forfeiting the match.

7.3 **FIXTURES**

- 7.3.1 All fixtures must be played on the date and time and at the ground appointed unless prior authorisation is obtained from the Executive, or representative.
- 7.3.2 Where weather or ground conditions are unsatisfactory, a fixture may be postponed if both captains and umpires, together with an authorised representative of the Stadium are in agreement. Any game that is postponed shall be completed or replayed at such venue and at such time and date as agreed by the captains and approved by the Stadium representative accordingly:
- a) If the fixture has not been commenced, or less than 20 minutes has been played, the fixture will be replayed in full, otherwise it will be completed.
 - b) The score upon resumption of the match shall be the score standing at the time of the interruption.
 - c) The teams playing a postponed fixture shall consist of the same players as originally selected for the fixture unless in special circumstances, the Executive, or representative allows a change. In the event of a postponed fixture, a completed match card, complete with players' names is to be placed in the match card box by the umpires on the day of postponement.
 - d) If a team refuses to complete a match after it has been postponed, that team shall forfeit the match.
- 7.3.3 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.

7.4 **FORFEITS**

- 7.4.1 When a team forfeits a fixture it shall notify an Office Bearer of the opposing Club, the Executive, or representative, and the Stadium Facility Manager, forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled fixture time. Failure to notify the above-mentioned will incur a fine according to the Bylaws of the Stadium where the match is to take place. A match card for the scheduled game must be submitted as per usual. The team who forfeits the match shall pay the full turf hire for both teams.
- 7.4.2 In the event of any team being unready or unwilling to commence play at the scheduled time, the offending team shall be liable to a fine of \$20 and if not ready to commence within ten (10) minutes of the appointed time, the match shall be forfeited in favour of the team that was ready to play. In this case, the team who forfeits the match shall pay the full turf hire fee for both teams.

- 7.4.3 When any team forfeits a fixture, full points for a win are credited to the opposing team and Five (5) goals are debited against the team forfeiting. Five (5) goals are credited to the team receiving the forfeit.
- 7.4.4 When a Club has more than one (1) team and wishes to forfeit in one or more grades, it must forfeit in the lowest grade in which it is represented.
- 7.4.5 Where any team that has begun playing the fixture withdraws from that fixture, it shall not score points for that fixture, but full points for a win shall be credited to the opposing team. Goals for and against shall stand for each team.

7.5 TWO FIXTURES IN A WEEKEND

- 7.5.1 No player is permitted to play in more than one (1) match on any fixture week, except in the cases listed in bylaw 7.5.2, 7.5.3 and 7.5.4. Also in the case of a replayed or postponed fixture, or a split round of fixtures played on two (2) separate days which shall be regarded as one fixture week for the purpose of this By-law. A fixture week consists of Thursday to Wednesday inclusive.
- 7.5.2 In **men's** matches, a development player (aged Under 18 as at the 1st of January in that current season) will be eligible to act as a substitute player in any match for their Club provided that he does not enter the field of play during the first fifteen (15) minutes of the match, unless substituting for a player, who in the opinion of the umpire, has sustained an injury either preventing them from immediately resuming their part in the match because the injury requires medical attention off the field, or preventing them from taking any further part in the match. A development player is eligible to play in the first eleven in a lower grade in the same fixture week, but may only be named as a substitute once in the same fixture week.
- In **women's** matches, any player will be eligible to act as a substitute player in any match for their Club provided that she does not enter the field of play during the first fifteen (15) minutes of the match, unless substituting for a player, who in the opinion of the umpire, has sustained an injury either preventing them from immediately resuming their part in the match because the injury requires medical attention off the field, or preventing them from taking any further part in the match. This substitute player is eligible to play in the first eleven in a lower grade in the same fixture week, but may only be named as a substitute once in the same fixture week.
- 7.5.3 Players named in the first (1st) eleven for the South West Strikers Men's team for that weekend's fixture are ineligible to play in local Club fixtures prior to the South West Strikers men's fixture in that round. Goalkeepers may receive special consideration if a written application from the Club is forwarded to the SWHA.
- 7.5.4 A designated goalkeeper from each team (nominated in writing by that player's Club prior to the first fixture week) may play as a goalkeeper in their regular grade and as a field player in another grade in the same fixture week. The nominated player is eligible to play in the named first eleven in two (2) games, but is not permitted to be named as a substitute for a higher grade in a third (3rd) game in the same fixture week.

8.0 PREMIERSHIP TABLES

- 8.1 The Premiership Table shall be computed by awarding three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss.
- 8.2 Where two 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:
- Firstly, on goal difference. Goal difference is arrived at by subtracting the goals scored against a team from the goals scored by it (e.g. 40 goals scored by the team and 20 goals conceded by the team, gives a goal difference of 20).
 - Then, if still equal, by the most number of wins;
 - Then, if still equal, by the most number of goals scored;
 - Then, if still equal, by the highest total of goals scored when the teams played each other during the season;
 - Then, if still equal, by the tossing of a coin.
- 8.3 Where the teams have played in an unequal number of games, the position of teams on the premiership table shall be decided on percentages. A team percentage is arrived at by dividing the

points scored by the possible points, and multiplying the result by one hundred (e.g. games played / possible points = 36, points scored = 18, therefore percentage = $18/36 \times 100 = 50\%$). This clause shall not apply to a team that has played three or more games less than that team having played the most number of games.

- 8.4 Clubs querying or wishing to correct the premiership table must do so in writing to the Executive, or representative. Confirmation of the correct score is required in writing by both Clubs involved in the match concerned. Should an error on the premiership table as published not be queried or otherwise corrected within two (2) weeks of the date of publication of that premiership table, the table will be deemed to be correct.
- 8.5 The team finishing first at the completion of the qualifying fixtures shall be the winner of the Minor Premiership.

9.0 CHALLENGE CUP

The team finishing first at the completion of the first round of fixtures in each grade shall be the winner of the Challenge/Donors Cup.

10.0 FINALS

10.1 FORMAT

- 10.1.1 The leading five teams at the completion of the qualifying fixtures shall play in the final series. The final series shall comprise of:-
- 10.1.2 The fourth and fifth placed teams shall play in the elimination final. Elimination finals shall be played mid-week.
- 10.1.3 The second and third placed teams shall play in the qualification final. Qualification final shall be played mid-week.
- 10.1.4 The winner of the elimination final will play the loser of the qualification final in the first semi final.
- 10.1.5 The first placed team will play the winner of the qualification final in the second semi final
- 10.1.6 The loser of the second semi final will play the winner of the first semi final in the preliminary final
- 10.1.7 The winner of the second semi final will play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final
- 10.1.8 Elimination and qualification finals shall be played mid-week.
- 10.1.9 The higher placed team will be entitled to home game finals, except Collie they will have a choice of venue either Busselton or Bunbury.
- 10.1.10 Grand finals will alternate between the Busselton and Bunbury Hockey Stadiums.

10.2 QUALIFICATIONS

- 10.2.1 All players playing in a Finals Series (Elimination, Qualification, Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals, Grand Final) must have taken the field in at least four (4) fixtures prior to the Semi Finals for that Club in the current season. In addition, to be eligible to participate in the Finals Series, each player must have taken the field in that grade, or lower, for their last four (4) qualifying round matches, or must have taken the field in at least half (½) their fixtures for the season in that grade, or lower.
- 10.2.2 A Club must apply in writing to the Executive, or representative to obtain permission to play a person in a Finals match who does not fulfil the eligibility criteria.

11.0 TIEBREAKERS

In the event of a Finals fixture resulting in a draw at the conclusion of normal playing time, a further two periods of 7½ minutes "sudden death" extra time, will be played. The rules for this tiebreaker will be as follows:

- a) There shall be a two (2) minute break in time between the end of the fixture and the commencement of the tiebreaker.
- b) If a goal has not been scored by either team after the first period of time, teams immediately change ends.
- c) Normal interchange rules will apply during extra time.
- d) For a team having a player under temporary suspension at the end of normal time, the offending team shall play with one less player for the duration of the temporary suspension and for a team having a

- player under permanent suspension at the end of normal time, the offending team shall play with one less player for the duration of extra time.
- e) The match concludes once the first goal has been scored and the scoring team shall win the match. If there is still no result at the conclusion of extra time, then a penalty stroke competition will be played. There shall be a two (2) minute break in time between the end of extra time and the commencement of the penalty stroke competition.
 - f) The umpires are to decide which goals are to be used for the penalty stroke competition. Team captains must toss a coin to decide which team takes the first stroke.
 - g) In a penalty stroke competition, five (5) players from each team shall take a penalty stroke alternatively. Each team must take all five strokes. Should a fixture have to be decided by a tiebreaker, the penalty strokes can be taken by any of the players who have taken the field of play during the match. Each goalkeeper shall defend for his or her team unless unable to do so, in which case another player may replace him or her. This player must wear approved goalkeeping equipment. *Permanently suspended (red card or two yellow cards) players are ineligible to take part in a penalty stroke competition.*
 - h) In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of penalty strokes shall be started and shall feature “sudden death” which shall mean that the winner shall be the first team to have scored one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of penalty strokes has been taken by each team. The sequence of stroke takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team captain has freedom of the choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the nominated players shall take the stroke. In the second (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a stroke before any of them are eligible to take a further stroke. The team which defended the first stroke of the first series shall not defend the first stroke of the second series.

12.0 WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

When a team is withdrawn from the competition after the commencement of the season, all points and goals scored in fixtures involving the team prior to its withdrawal are to be cancelled.

13.0 UMPIRING

- 13.1 An umpire’s rulings during the progress of the match shall be final and shall not be the subject of dispute or argument.
- 13.2 In the event of excessive harassment of umpires by Coaches, Club members, officials or supporters, umpires shall have the power to stop the match, call both Captains and ascertain whether the person(s) is a Coach, Club member, official or supporter.
- 13.3 An umpire appointed by a Club to perform allocated umpiring duties, must have played at the level equal to, or higher, than the grade of the appointment unless the umpire is an accredited umpire or permission has been obtained from the South West Hockey League Convenor.
- 13.4 If an allocated Club fails to attend a rostered match, or fails to arrange a substitute umpire, the offending Club will be fined \$50 made payable to SWHA. In addition;
 - 13.4.1 Should a Club fail to supply an umpire as allocated in the fixtures, then in that Club’s next fixture game they shall play the first half of their game with one (1) player **less**.
 - 13.4.2 If more than one (1) umpire of a Club allocated to umpire fails to attend an allocated fixture then the penalty shall be for a full game with one (1) player **less**.
 - 13.4.3 Substitutions can take place as normal but no more than the starting total number may be on the field for the first half of the game at any time or for the entire game as per point 13.4.2.
 - 13.4.4 The fifteen (15) minute rule will still apply for “two games in a weekend players”.
 - 13.4.5 The Convenor of the SWHL shall advise all Clubs by email, of the team that has contravened this bylaw (13.4), by the Tuesday following that fixture.
 - 13.4.6 The team that contravenes any point in bylaw 13.4.1 & 13.4.4 shall be penalised by losing any points gained from the fixture and the team offended against shall receive three (3) points for the win. Any goals scored by the team offended against shall be retained by that team. Those goals scored by the offending team shall be deducted.

13.5 MISCONDUCT CARDS

Any breach of the FIH Rules of Hockey or the SWHL Rules shall be dealt with, where applicable, with the imposition of either a:

- Warning (green card)
- Temporary Suspension (yellow card)
- Permanent Suspension (Red card)
- Misconduct charge against a participant

13.5.1 **Temporary Suspensions (yellow card)**

SWHL will regulate and administer, through Hockey Net system, temporary suspensions as follows: When a player accumulates four (4) temporary suspensions in the SWHL during the competition season, a one-game suspension from all SWHL competitions and affiliated associations

13.5.2 For every additional three (3) temporary suspensions a player receives in any SWHL competition during the season after the fourth caution, a two game suspension is imposed from all SWHL competitions or affiliated associations

13.5.3 If at the end of the qualifying season a player is due for disqualification under this rule then the disqualification shall apply for the finals series or for the next playing date of official competition the player is available to play.

13.5.4 For the purpose of finals, all temporary suspensions will be removed from a player's record at the end of the qualifying season. When a player accumulates two (2) temporary suspensions in any SWHL competition during the finals series, a one-game suspension is imposed from all SWHL competitions as determined

13.5.5 SWHL convenor will notify clubs whose players are suspended with a minimum 24 hours notice prior to the next fixture game

13.5.6 Players have the right of appeal under by-law 15.1 Reports & Complaints

13.6 **Permanent Suspensions (red cards)**

13.6.1 In the event of a player receiving a permanent suspension, the umpire concerned must submit a report on the incident to the SWHL Convenor within 48 hours of the offence occurring.

13.6.2 The player will be suspended from all SWHL or affiliated Association competitions for the next fixture for which they are available and the player may face a tribunal where the tribunal will decide if further penalty/penalties are to be incurred.

13.6.3 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 season.

13.7 **Game Suspensions**

A player shall be deemed to be available for a game unless they are:

- Representing WA in an Australian Championship or Australian Hockey league game;
- Participating in an Australian Representative Team, or
- Serving a suspension imposed by the Protest and Disputes Tribunal

14.0 **PENALTIES**

14.1 In the event of an ineligible player playing in a qualifying fixture, the offending team shall lose any points gained from the fixture. The team offended against shall receive three (3) points for the win. Any goals scored by the team offended against shall be retained by that team. Those goals scored by the offending team shall be deducted.

14.2 In the event of an ineligible player playing in a Finals fixture, the penalty shall be forfeiture of the fixture in which the breach occurred.

14.3 In the event of a false recording of a name on the match card, in addition to the penalties stipulated in Bylaw 14.1 herein, the player who plays under the false name and the player, if any, under whose name they have played, shall be deemed not to have played on that day at all for the purpose of qualifying for a Finals fixture.

14.4 The penalties detailed in the above sub-paragraphs, may be varied for a lesser penalty (on appeal) or at the discretion of the Executive, or representative.

14.5 **FINES**

- 14.5.1 Umpires are responsible to write on the card players who are not in correct uniform after the 3rd playing date. Clubs will incur a fine of \$20 dollars per team for every game players are not wearing correct uniform, with exemptions for fill-in players only.
- 14.5.2 Stadium rules apply to teams using goal circles for training purposes or match warm-up without permission. Teams will be fined accordingly.

15.0 PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

A protest shall be lodged when an objection is being made against the way a policy, rule or a By-law has been enacted by a team or club or by an official acting on behalf of SWHL.

A complaint shall be made when the behaviour of a player(s), team, team bench (consisting of Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and substitutes) or an official during a fixture or game held under the auspices of SWHL is considered detrimental to the spirit of the game of hockey. It is the duty of any umpire or captain of an opposing team to report such offensive behaviour.

PROCEDURE:

The substance of any protest, complaint or the like which relates to the game of hockey shall be submitted in writing to the SWHL Convenor within 48 hours of the alleged offence. **The formal charge must be signed by two officials from the club or by the umpires from the match.**

- 15.1 Should it be deemed necessary by the **SWHL Committee** for the Protests, Disputes and Complaints Committee to hold a formal hearing of protest or complaint, the club or person(s) against which the objection is lodged shall be given at least 24 hours notice by the SWHL Convenor of the time and place of that hearing so that a club representative and the player(s) concerned can attend. They will be provided with details of the protest or complaint lodged and the charges to be answered.
- 15.2 A Protests and Disputes Tribunal shall be established by the SWHA and shall comprise of three (3) members, one of whom shall be appointed as the Chairman of the Tribunal, who are appointed by the Executive and approved at the Annual General Meeting of the SWHA.
- 15.3 A panel of three members of the Protests, Disputes and Complaints Committee shall hear the charge. No member shall be affiliated with any club involved in the charge.
- 15.4 The Protests, Disputes and Complaints Committee shall determine the persons they will allow to attend the hearing.
- 15.5 Any person who is required to appear before the Protests, Disputes and Complaints Committee shall be given the opportunity to speak.
- 15.6 The charge shall be heard and the Protests, Disputes and Complaints Committee shall determine and recommend an appropriate penalty to the SWHL Committee.
- 15.7 The Protests, Disputes and Complaints Committee shall act fairly in the determination of the charge.
- 15.8 The SWHL Committee may call upon any member of the Association to reply to any question that may be put with regard to a protest or complaint. If such member after receiving due notice shall fail to answer such a question they shall at the discretion of the SWHL Committee be reported to the club to which they belong, be disqualified from holding any position under the Association and shall suffer any further penalty which may be imposed by the SWHL Committee.
- 15.9 Each and every protest or complaint must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00. Should a protest or complaint be deemed frivolous the party doing so can be fined.
- 15.10 In the event of an Association club player or official or member being proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee to have been guilty of any violation of the By-laws or misconduct the Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with the offender or offending body as they shall deem fit.
- 15.11 Any appeal against the imposition of a penalty where a protest, dispute or complaint has been upheld, must be lodged with the SWHL Secretary within 24 hours of written notification of the result of the hearing.
- 15.12 A panel of 3 members, one of who shall be a Member of the Executive independent of the original panel, shall hear the appeal.

- 15.13 The appeal shall be heard and the Panel shall provide a written report to the SWHL Convenor. If it is deemed necessary a written result shall be forwarded to the Hockey WA office.
- 15.14 The SWHL Convenor will advise the relevant parties of the final outcome.

16 FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

- 16.1 Umpires are to select best players for each team and write them on the scorecard, with four (4) votes scored for the best player, two (2) votes for the second best player and one (1) vote for the third best player.
- 16.2 Umpires are to select best players for the match and write them on the voting slip attached to the scorecard, with four (4) votes scored for the best player on the ground, two (2) votes for the second best player and one (1) vote for the third best player. Once completed, the voting slip is to be placed inside the envelope attached to the scorecard and sealed for secret ballot. At least one umpire must sign across the seal.
- 16.3 In the event of two or more players being awarded an equal number of votes for the Fairest and Best award, a count-back will be conducted to determine a winner. The count-back will establish the numbers of 4 votes, 2 votes and 1 votes that have been awarded to the players in question. The player with the great number of 4 votes (if equal, 2 votes and if equal, 1 votes) will be declared the winner. If players are unable to be separated, joint winners will be declared.

17 SUSPENSION OF A PLAYER BY A CLUB

Where any player is suspended by his/her Club for misconduct at a hockey fixture, and the fact of the suspension is advised to the SHWA, then that player shall not be permitted to participate in a hockey fixture in Western Australia for the duration of the suspension, save that the Executive, or representative, may vary the period of, or remove, the suspension as it deems fit.

18 CHANGES TO BYLAWS

No clause, or part of a clause of these Bylaws shall be repealed or amended and no new clause shall be added to the Bylaws except by a resolution approved of by two-thirds majority of members attending a regular Executive meeting or for any Special General Meeting of members called for the specific purpose of amending these Bylaws. Any resolution proposing changes by way of addition amendment or deletion must be circulated to all members at least ten (10) days before such meetings and must be dealt with at the next Executive Meeting, or at the Special Meeting called for that purpose as applicable.