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CLUB COMPETITION HANDBOOK

The General Manager publishes this Competition Handbook and the rules and regulations contained within it under the authority of By- law 3(c) of the By- laws of Otago Hockey Association (1990) Inc.

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 and By- laws of Otago Hockey Association (1990) Inc, the Otago Hockey Association Code of Conduct 2015 and the FIH Rules of Hockey 2022.

Please read this Handbook fully, there are changes from year to year.

By taking the field in any Otago Hockey Association (1990) Inc Club Competition match, players, whether registered or not, to be bound by these rules and regulations.

Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may lead to your Club being penalised, as authorised by By-law 7(a) of the By-laws of Otago Hockey Association (1990) Inc.

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ADMINISTRATION SECTION

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Season Dates and Calendar

Club Trials	Trial 1	2 nd / 3 rd March 2024
	Trial 2	9 th /10 th March 2024
	Trial 3	16 th /17 th March 2024
Club team entries due:		27 th March 2024
Player registrations due		1 st April 2024
TOAST Cup		22 nd / 23 rd /24 th March 2024
TOAST Entries due		13 th March 2024
OHA AGM		27 th March 2024 at 7.00pm
Club Delegates meetings		7 th February 2024 at 6pm
OHA Prizegiving		Date and time TBC

The calendar of upcoming dates can be found on the OHA website (www.oha.org.nz)

Competition will run for 16 weeks plus a finals weekend as follows:

Week 1	6 th / 7 th April	University coming back from Mid semester break after Easter.
Week 2	13 th / 14 th April	University back but Polytech and School holidays start
Week 3	20 th / 21 st April	Middle week of Polytech and school holidays
Week 4	27 th / 28 th April	Last weekend of Polytech and School holidays
Week 5	4 th / 5 th May	
Week 6	11 th / 12 th May	
Week 7	18 th / 19 th May	
Week 8	25 th / 26 th May	
King's Birthday (No Hockey)		Mainland Cup
Week 9	8 th / 9 th June	Uni Exams
Week 10	15 th /16 th /18 th June	Prem Reserve/ Div 2 Women Promotion/ Relegation Challenge game. Uni Exams leading into University Break- increased 3 weeks from 2 in previous years.
Uni Break		
Week 11	13 th /14 th July	Last weekend of Uni break/ mid weekend of Polytech and School holidays and U18 Tournament
Week 12	20 th /21 st July	Last weekend of Polytech and School holidays
Week 13	27 th /28 th July	
Week 14	3 rd / 4 th August	
Week 15	10 th /11 th August	
Week 16 semi-finals	17 th /18 th August	
Mid-week semi-final for Prems	21 st August	
FINALS	24 th / 25 th August	

Venues

The season will have games being played at the McMillan Hockey Centre in Harbour Terrace, Dunedin and the Otago Community Trust Kings Turf located at Kings High School on Bay View Road.

Our Premier Men's grade will have fortnightly games, scheduled on a rotational basis at the Eastern Southland Hockey Turf, 20 Wayland Street West off Robertson Street, Gore.

Competition Management

The Club Competition will be managed by the Competition Manager and where necessary, in consultation with the General Manager and/ or a Match Committee. Decisions will be made in consultation with the By- laws and this Handbook. The Match Committee may be engaged when necessary.

The OHA shall chair the Match Committee.

Every club must nominate one club delegate to serve on the Match Committee at the time of team entries.

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

Any club who fails to provide a Match Committee representative will be ineligible to have a voice or a vote at the Club Delegate meetings.

A Judicial Committee will be engaged when necessary for breaches in Code of Conduct.

A Judicial committee consisting of 2 OHA board members, the umpires chair and an independent member will adjudicate on any cases of player punishments. Any player reaching 12 points may be required to have a hearing with the judicial committee.

Club Delegates

Each club must submit up to 2x club delegates (1 of whom will be part of the Match Committee as above) who will represent their club at meetings.

The OHA will NOT accept any complaints/ requests from individual members, all complaints must come through the appointed club delegates.

Club Delegate Meetings Meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm.

Please note: Club delegates must attend the meetings as minutes may not be available and situations may arise in which suggestions and recommendations are taken into consideration by the OHA.

The Club Competition Season Debrief will be held at the conclusion of Club Competition.

Toast Cup

This will be held on the 22nd / 23rd and 24th of March 2024.

Friendly, pre- season weekend which is open to all club teams. The format will be determined by the number of entries consisting of 11 aside club teams.

Entries close: 13th March 2024.

Cost: \$150 per team

Premier 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 1 for rules.

Division 2 Challenge Shield

Teams in Division 2 will compete for a Men's and Women's Challenge Shield throughout regular Club Competition play. Please refer to Appendix 1a for rules.

Prizegiving Trophy List

Teams and players in all divisions will compete for a variety of trophies and recognitions throughout the season. Please refer to Appendix 3 for the list and stipulations.

Club Competition Days

Saturday:

Prem Reserve/ Division 2 Women

Division 2 Men

Premier Women

Premier Men

Sunday:

Division 3 Men

Division 3 Women

SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
Te Pukenga Turf	Lion Foundation Turf	Kings Turf	Te Pukenga Turf	Lion Foundation Turf
9.00am	9.15am	9.30am		
10.30am	10.45am	11.00am		
12.00pm	12.15pm	12.30pm	11.30am	11.45am
1.35pm	1.45pm	2.00pm	1.00pm	1.15pm
3.10pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	2.30pm	2.45pm
Premier or Division 2 Hockey	Division 2		Division 3	

*NOTE: This table is a guide only. Matches will be allocated to time slots at the discretion of the OHA.

** Game slots change fortnightly when Premier Men are NOT playing in Gore.

Match times may change from time to time due to changes in division entries or other hockey commitments of the Association.

Draws and Results

A confirmed club draw will be created in advance and issued to clubs via the OHA website at www.oha.org.nz

Teams to play each other in the Round One draw of the 2024 Club Competition will be generated off seedings from the previous season and generated as per PlayHQ.

OHA reserves the right to make changes to any published draw if necessary.

Requests to re- schedule

Official representative hockey fixtures will be approved by Otago Hockey Association at the start of each of the 2024 representative programmes.

With so little extra turf time available games are very difficult to reschedule, and requests may not necessarily be granted.

Deferrals

The OHA will consider deferral applications through a transparent process. Any team applying for a deferral must have a minimum of 5 of its registered players (not coaches or managers) unavailable due to other hockey commitments or extraordinary circumstances.

A club wishing to defer a match must apply by email using the Match Reschedule Request Form (Appendix 4) to the OHA (competitions@oha.org.nz) as early as possible, but no later than 14 days prior to the proposed original match date.

If successful, the teams shall be presented with three alternative match dates and time. The teams shall rank these in their order of preference and then the OHA will notify both teams of the new match date and time.

Communication between parties is encouraged.

Please note: Approval of deferrals is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the OHA. In the case of the 5 players being school aged and involved with National U18's a particularly strong case will be required.

Cancellations

The OHA rarely cancels games; however, this may occur due to equipment failure, weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

Cancellations due to equipment failure may include the failure of lights, watering equipment, playing surface or goal defects that may cause health and safety issues for players.

Cancellations due to weather conditions may include flooding, ice, hail or severe windchill.

The Umpires will make the final decision, after consultation with the affected team captains, if the decision to cancel was not made earlier in the day by OHA. This decision is to be made no earlier than 15 minutes before the game and is on a game-by-game basis.

In the event of a game cancellation, Otago Hockey will reschedule the matches where practical. Where this is not practical (i.e., time restraints due to lack of turf time, semi-finals or similar) then the cancelled match will be deemed a draw (2-2).

If the game is a semi-final and is cancelled and rescheduling of the match is not possible, the 'winner' of the game shall be the higher placed team from the round robin competition.

If the cancelled game is a final, then this game will be re-scheduled in consultation with teams. Teams must be prepared to play.

Where practicable, cancellations will be advised to team contacts and the club delegate as provided on the Team Registration Form and on our website and Facebook page.

If a team chooses not to play when conditions have been deemed suitable for play, the other team will be declared the winner by default and normal default rules apply.

Club Competition Fees

The team fee for the 2024 season is \$4095.00 including GST per team. OHA administration will send a detailed breakdown to all clubs including the Hockey NZ affiliation fee, match fees, turf replacement levy and community hockey levy.

A portion of the team fee will be invoiced to clubs once team entries have been confirmed in March and levies invoiced in June.

The remaining match fee payments are required as per schedule below. A 10% penalty will be incurred if not paid by due dates.

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

Due 30th April 20%

Due 31st May 20%

Due 30th June 20%

Due 31st July 20%

Due 31st August Final 20% plus any additional match fees.

Turf Replacement Levy:

Upon payment, OHA will separate out the levy from the other fees and hold it in a separate bank account with the sole purpose of replacing and upgrading facilities at the McMillan Hockey Centre.

Community Hockey Levy:

Community Hockey levy will be used to assist in the development of players, coaches and umpires through the programmes administered by the OHA. This acknowledges the change in structure which now sees increased human resource cost for these programmes sitting with Otago Hockey.

2024 Turf Hire Charges:

	Water Turf Full Turf	Water Turf Half Turf
Off Peak Weekdays 7:00am to 3:00pm	\$90.00	\$45.00
School	\$120.00	\$60.00
Club	\$160.00	\$80.00

Effective 1st of January 2024- 31st December 2024

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

The training schedule will be released in April 2024. The OHA will allocate turf time with reference to previous year's allocations. All booking requests should be made to competitions@oha.org.nz

Clubs must cancel any unwanted turf bookings at least 48 hours in advance, or they may be liable for the full cost of turf hire.

Please note, as per our Dunedin City Council Resource Consent, the turf lights will be switched off at 10pm. It is the team's responsibility to vacate the turf promptly at this time.

Failure to pay

Failure of a Club to pay any fees, levies, penalties, or fines by the due date may lead to the General Manager 'Financially Suspending' the Club in accordance with the By-laws. The consequences of Financial Suspension can include being ineligible to accumulate competition points, being ineligible for finals, being withdrawn from the competition, and/or being ineligible to vote or speak at any meeting. In addition to this, individual players from that club may be made unfinancial and ineligible to play hockey within New Zealand.

REGISTRATIONS

Team Entries

All team entries will need to be entered into the PlayHQ software platform that OHA will be using for Competition management and Player database via Hockey NZ.

Teams must be entered by 5.00pm on Wednesday the 27th of March 2024.

Clubs will be required to enter team names, and which division they are entered in. All teams will be graded by OHA as "A", "B", "C" etc as determined by the results of the previous season.

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 except for teams registered with 18 field players and 2 GK, however clubs may register as many players to a team in PlayHQ as they seem appropriate.

Teams entering the Club Competition, agree to pay the fees and levies set out.

The OHA may refuse to accept or may place on a waiting list any team entries that arrive after the due date or that do not have the minimum player numbers required.

Player Registrations

All Club players MUST be registered via PlayHQ before taking the field.

If a Club, without reasonable excuse, fields a player who has not registered via PlayHQ, the OHA may fine that Club up to \$50.00 per offending player and/or deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 5-0.

When a player is registered, a Club Official needs to assign the player to a team. If the Club fails to assign the player to a team, the OHA will assign the player to the team they first played for (unless otherwise advised by the Club).

Additional registrations (one off) or any changes to the team may be entered; by adding the new player and their details to the player line up in PlayHQ or by registering them to the club prior to the game. This must be completed prior to the player taking the field of play.

Southland Exemption Rule

We are strongly in favor of supporting the Southland team who are travelling each week to play in our Premier Men's grade and filling an unwanted bye. To assist with ensuring they have enough players each week, we are allowing dispensations for players from other clubs to play in this team.

The only stipulation that we have, is that players can only play in one premier team per round.

For example: A Taieri Gecko's player can play for the Gecko's and the Tuatara's in one round OR the Gecko's and Southland in one round.

Player transfers

A player shall not play for more than one club at a time (except for those playing for the Southland Barbarians team or dispensation has been approved for). Players may play in both a school and a club competition.

While the new PlayHQ system allows to register all players for a season and the transfer process to begin, all clubs must provide the Competitions Manager with a list of any players who are unfinancial with your club as per the Unfinancial Player Process below. This list is shared on a private Hockey NZ database in which Competition Managers have access to and can deny any players transfers from being approved.

Unfinancial players can include those with outstanding fees/ subs or those who still have club equipment or uniforms.

If a Club, without reasonable excuse, fields a player who does not have permission to play, the OHA may fine that Club up to \$50.00 per offending player and/or deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 5-0.

Player eligibility

All players in the club competition must have a minimum age restriction of 13 years of age and be at Secondary School. Players who still attend Primary or Intermediate School are NOT permitted to play in the Club Competition.

The OHA strongly advises players under the age of 15 to play in the Secondary School Competition.

Lights and water

Officials and OHA staff will monitor these requirements and facilitate these services as required.

Player regrading and de-registrations

When a Club admin assigns a player to a team, that player is deemed to be graded to that team.

A Club may move players' grades in line with the new floating rule which is outlined in the competition section.

A Club delegate may deregister a player from a club entirely with written notification to the Competitions Manager. The player should 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 Otago.

Goalkeeper Rule

A goalkeeper may also be registered as a field player. Playing unfairly out of grade rule as stipulated in the floating player rules in the competition section of this handbook replaces the 2020 guidelines.

The OHA has the right to disallow a player from continuing to play in the lower graded team if there is suspected abuse of this rule.

Unfinancial player process

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

Please provide the Competitions Manager with the name of the unfinancial player, club owed, amount and/ or equipment owed, and the date owed from. This information is shared on a confidential Nationwide database all association competition managers (or equivalent) have access to for cross referencing.

OHA will not intervene in a dispute but will attempt to assist those involved come to an amicable solution.

If a Club, knowingly and without reasonable excuse, fields a player who has been declared unfinancial by any other organisation, the OHA may fine that Club up to \$50.00 per offending player and/or deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 5-0.

Turf and Facilities

All participants must comply with the OHA rules set down for turf use. These include but may not be limited to:

Spectators are to keep off the turfs at all times –outside the fence.

Enter and exit turf by gates only. Do not climb the fence.

Change into clean footwear before stepping onto the turf.

Do not leave gear on the sidelines.

Dug outs are for players and team officials only.

No warm-ups on turf while games are in progress.

No hitting balls against the hoarding fence or around buildings.

Teams shall leave the artificial surface through gateways, promptly, at the conclusion of their match or practice.

It is the responsibility of the team coaches and managers to ensure that all care is taken to stem the flow of blood from any injury onto the turf or other players. Use blood bins provided in technical dugouts. Injured players must not be removed from the playing area until bleeding has been stopped and/or covered.

Approved playing gear only to be worn clean rubber soled shoes to be used.

Sticks to have no sharp protrusions.

Goal keeping pads to be clean. Goal keeping buckles to be always taped.

No sharp objects to be carried or worn on the turf.

Balls hit over the fence during match play are not to be retrieved by players. An outside runner should retrieve the ball.

No chewing gum or food inside the hoarding fence.

Please use the rubbish bins supplied.

No Alcohol is to be brought into McMillan Hockey Centre.

No spitting or nose blowing onto the turf.

Do not move goals incorrectly.

Do not interfere with the turf watering system.

This venue is Smoke/ Vape free

COMPETITION SECTION

Fair play

Participants, officials, and spectators are bound by the OHA code of conduct and shall always conduct themselves fairly and in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of conduct so as not to prejudice the interests of hockey or bring themselves, the game, or the association into disrepute. (Refer to the OHA code of conduct section 5-standards of conduct).

Any breaches by players, officials and supporters will be dealt with by the OHA and/or the Judicial committee who may fine the club in question up to \$100, require a written apology and/or deduct up to 3 competition points from the team.

Abuse of Officials

Only one player per team may approach the umpires before, during or after matches. Abuse of our umpires is unacceptable. Umpires awarding a card for abusive conduct or dissent, or who experiences abusive conduct or dissent upon awarding a card for another offence may indicate on the Game incident report that abuse occurred or communicate it to the Competitions Manager.

A player or team cited for abuse may be called to appear in front of the Competitions Manager to explain him or herself.

Failure to correct their conduct may lead to further consequences including referring a player to the Judicial Committee, or in the case of a team, the Competitions Manager may fine a Club up to \$100.00, require a written apology, and/or deduct up to 3 competition points from the team.

Rules of hockey

All Divisions of the Club Competition will be played under the FIH Rules of Hockey 2022.

The OHA and Umpires committee may decide on appropriate local rules, but these will be notified before the season begins.

Competition Fixtures

All club competition matches will be allocated a 90- minute time slot. This will be broken down as follows:

First 17minute quarter on the clock, followed by a 2minute break timed by the umpire.

Second 17minute quarter on the clock, followed by a 5minute half time break timed by the umpire.

Third 17minute quarter on the clock, followed by a 2minute break timed by the umpire.

Fourth 17minute quarter on the clock.

There is 10minutes between matches to allow watering of turf and warm up and a 3minute injury time allowance.

The umpires and their watches control match times. Teams must be on the field and ready to start at the time specified on the Game sheet. This is especially important on all games played on TPT and the Kings Turf so that the Livestreaming timing is correct. Teams must go into the correct dugouts matching the draw for the scoreboard on the livestream to be correct. If your team is listed first on the left-hand side, they must go to the left-hand side dugout closest to the scoreboard.

Any warm- up time on the turf will be reliant on the previous matches starting and finishing on time.

An extra 5-10 minutes will be allowed for Premier Division matches to allow for Penalty Shoot- outs for deciding draws.

Competition format

Premier Men (6 Teams):

Weeks 1-15 3 even round robins

Week 16 Semi-finals (1 v 2 Winner straight to final, 3 v 4 winner to round 2

Midweek game Loser (1v2) v winner (3 v4)

Week 17 Finals winner (1v2) v winner (midweek game)

Premier Women (6 teams):

Weeks 1-15 3 even round robins

Week 16 Semi-finals (1 v 2 Winner straight to final, 3 v 4 winner to round 2

Midweek game Loser (1v2) v winner (3 v4)

Week 17 Finals winner (1v2) v winner (midweek game)

Division 2 Men's (7 teams):

Weeks 1-15 2 round robins is 14 weeks (4-point win awarded for a bye), 15th game is a third game against one team (seeded draw e.g., 1st bye, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 Played for points not a knockout round). 15th week will be replaced by any games lost due to weather/ turf malfunction during the first 14 weeks.

Week 16 Semi-finals, 1 v4, 2 v3, 6v7, 5th place bye.

Week 17 Finals 1v2, 5th place vs winner of 6v7.

Division 2 Women's (11 teams):

Begin with 2 Pools as follows from last seasons rankings-

Pool A: 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th and 12th.

Pool B: 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, and 11th.

Pool A- 6 Teams (Momona B, City Bravehearts, OUHC Orca's, Taier Terrors, OUHC Penguins and OUHC Dolphins).

Pool B- 6 Teams (Kings United Sapphires, West Taier A, Bye, OUHC Sharkies, Taieri Tornadoes, Kings United Emeralds).

Round 1= 5 Weeks.

Then splits into Prem Reserve and Division 2 Womens grades (top 3 from pool A and pool B, bottom 3 from pool a and bottom 3 from pool B). Points to restart.

Play second round= 5 Weeks.

At the end of round 2, the top ranked team in the points table from Division 2 women, has the option to challenge the last ranked team in the points table from Prem Reserve.

This game must go ahead on Sunday the 16th of June (1.30pm at KHS). The winning team from this match will play in Prem Reserve for round 3 and the losing team will play in Division 2.

If the top ranked team does not want to challenge for a place in prem reserve, the grades roll into round 3.

Round 3= 5 weeks. Points restart with Adjusted points based on team rankings from round 2.

1st place- 6 points

2nd place- 5 points

3rd place- 4 points

4th place- 3 points

5th place- 2 points

6th place- 1 points

Semi finals- Prem Reserve 1v4, 2v3,5v6 Division 2 1v4, 2v3,5v6

Finals for both grades to find 1st and 2nd placings.

Division 3 Men's (7 teams):

Weeks 1-15 2 round robins is 14 weeks (4-point win awarded for a bye), 15th game is a third game against one team (seeded draw e.g., 1st bye, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 Played for points not a knockout round). 15th week will be replaced by any games lost due to weather/ turf malfunction during the first 14 weeks.

Week 16 Semi-finals, 1 v4, 2 v3, 5v6, 7th place bye.

Week 17 Finals

Division 3 Women's (7 teams):

Weeks 1-15 2 round robins is 14 weeks (4-point win awarded for a bye), 15th game is a third game against one team (seeded draw e.g., 1st bye, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 Played for points not a knockout round). 15th week will be replaced by any games lost due to weather/ turf malfunction during the first 14 weeks.

Week 16 Semi-finals, 1 v4, 2 v3, 6v7, 5th place bye.

Week 17 Finals 1v2, 5th place vs winner of 6v7.

Competition Points for match results

Competition Points shall be awarded as follows:

Premier-

Win 4 Points

Penalty Shoot-out Win 2 Points

Penalty Shoot-out Loss 1 Point

Outright Loss- 0 Points

Default- refer to section.

All other divisions-

Win 4 Points

Scored draw 2 Points

Scoreless draw 1 Point

Loss 0 Points

Default – refer to section.

Determining Ranking after pool play/ round robin.

All matches in the Premier grade must have a result. Matches ending in a draw shall be decided by a three-person shoot-out.

Round robin matches ending in a draw in all other divisions shall stay as a draw. Once the pool play/ round robins have been completed this process will follow:

- a) In each grade, teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition.
- b) If at the end of the competition two or more teams have the same number of points for any place, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.
- c) Should there still remain equality between two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means 'goals for' less 'goals against').
- d) If there still remains equality between two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of 'goals for'.
- e) If there remains equality between two or more teams, then the result(s) of the match(es) played between (only) those teams involved will be taken into consideration to determine the ranking of the tied teams. If more than two teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches between (only) them shall determine their respective position.
- f) Should there still remain equality between the two teams, then the matter will be settled by a penalty stroke competition between those teams.
- g) If more than two teams are involved, then each team will play a 3 person shoot out against the other teams.

Post Pool Play offs (semi-finals and finals)

Semi-finals in all divisions shall be decided with a three-person penalty shoot-out if the score is drawn at full time.

If the score is drawn at fulltime in a final, the following regulations shall apply:

Division 3: A five-person Penalty Shoot-out shall decide the winner.

Division 2: A five-person Penalty Shoot-out shall decide the winner.

Premier 1: A five-person Penalty Shoot-out shall decide the winner.

Penalty Shoot Out Competition Procedure

Procedure is explained in Appendix 2.

Club Umpiring duties

Umpires will be appointed by the Officials committee to all matches. Clubs will be required to fulfil umpiring duties which will be noted on the draw when it is confirmed and released. Before the start of the season there will be a training opportunity for all clubs to participate in.

Clubs failing to fulfil umpiring duties shall:

- i) Be fined \$50.00 per umpire for the first failure and
- ii) Be fined \$100.00 for each subsequent failure

Defaults

Teams must advise the OHA by email through their club delegate, at least 48 hours prior to the match's advertised start time of both their intention to default, and their reasons for the default.

Teams failing to play will be fined the sum of \$150.00. A defaulting team shall be deemed to have lost the match by 5-0. If a team defaults without notification- the fine increases to \$300.

Defaults are unacceptable in Premier Division matches. A Premier team that defaults will lose the ability to accumulate points in that division for the remainder of the season.

Any team forfeiting 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, including a goalkeeper (or field player with GK privileges) within 10 minutes of the advertised start time, without reasonable explanation acceptable to the Competitions Manager will be considered to have defaulted the match. This late default will be subject to the above stated late default penalties.

Where two teams in the same club in the same division are scheduled to play each other and a default occurs, neither team will be awarded any points. The club will pay the turf fees.

Game Sheets, Results and Protests

Electronic scoring devices will be located in the umpires' boxes upstairs in the pavilion for Officials' use. These are to be taken down to the relevant turf by the first officials of the day and returned by the last officials of the day.

The Electronic scoring device at the Kings Turf is located in the safe and should be locked away again by the last officials for the day.

Before the game, 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, online in the game lineup on PlayHQ.
- That no more than 16 players are on the Game lineup (18 if 2 registered GK)- If an umpire finds that a team has fielded more players than is allowed in a match, the OHA shall deem the offending team to have defaulted the match 5-0 and may also fine that Club up to \$100.00.

No player or substitute player may take the field unless that player's name appears on the game lineup. For the sake of clarity "take the field" means participating in all or any part of the match in field play, as a player or a goalkeeper.

It is always the responsibility of the team captain to ensure all details on the electronic scoring device are correct before accepting it at the end of the match. The submitted game constitutes the correct and final score and an acceptance of the accuracy of all details of the game.

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 being fined up to \$50.00 per infringement by the OHA.

If a captain disagrees with the details on a Game Sheet, the captain should submit a game incident form which is located on the tablets or by emailing the competitions manager via the club delegate by the following Monday morning.

The umpires should ensure both team captains have a chance to review and approve the Game Sheet and must submit the game details on the electronic scoring device. Results for each division will be available from the OHA website. If you consider any results to be incorrect, please notify the competitions manager by email so we can review the Game sheet.

NOTE: The online game sheet and incident/ card form are the official records of the match. As it is the requirement of BOTH Teams captains to check & confirm details, they are therefore the only official documents for independent review of who played, all game incidents, injuries, personal penalty cards and points scored during the game. Therefore, it is essential that sheets are correctly completed. In the event of a complaint, incorrectly completed sheets shall result (in many cases) with the complaint being thrown out for lack of information.

Floating Players

The old floating rule and everything within that rule has been replaced by the rule that **No player may play unfairly out of their grade.**

For clarity, the term “grade” will also be applied to players moving between teams when a club has more than one team in a grade. The same intent and spirit explained below will be used in this case as well.

Below are some examples, designed to give clubs some confidence around how the new rule can be used. This is not an extensive or definitive list as each situation will have its own dynamics and will be considered by the OHA. We will not be playing police on this, rather if a club feels that their opposition was in breach of this rule, they will be able to protest on the card. If the OHA agrees that the spirit of the rule has been breached full points will be awarded against the team in breach.

Some examples of what we would consider fair and reasonable use of the rule.

- A player returning from a significant injury that has seen them side lined for a number of weeks playing a game in a grade below their normal grade.
- A player who was considered on the fringe of two grades who has been having limited minutes, involvement or opportunity in the higher team playing a game in the grade/team below.
- We cannot stop players of a standard choosing to play a whole season in a team below, the old rule saw multiple examples of this and allowed those players to float as they saw fit. The new rule is designed to manage reasonable and fair movement between grades/teams.

Some examples of what would be considered in breach of the rule.

- A regular, consistent, high performing member of a higher team playing in the grade below.
- Multiple players from a higher team playing in the grade below because the lower team was short, the higher team had a bye, or it could be perceived that one fixture was of higher importance than another.
- This rule is not designed to allow multiple players to play more than one game in a day. It is designed to give flexibility in what opportunities are given to the players on the fringe of two teams. A player from a higher grade playing in a lower team will as a general rule of thumb be a lot more acceptable if they only play in the lower team rather than turning out for both the higher and lower teams in the same day. This can be taken as evidence that this player is not an integral, high performing member of the higher team. When players play more than one game in a day it should as a general rule be for the team they are registered for and for a higher team, not the other way around.
- If teams are short the first point of call should still be the club’s lower teams to move players up

If you are in doubt of any of the above, then please email the competitions manager during the working week prior to your game.

Player eligibility for Semi-finals and Finals

Failure of a Club to pay any fees, levies, penalties, or fines by the due date may lead to the General Manager declaring that the Club's teams are ineligible for finals.

A player is only eligible to play for a team in a Club Competition semi-final or final if that player has taken the field for that specific club at least 5 times before in the Club Competition.

Applications to the Competition Manager to waive this regulation will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances such as players returning from severe injury. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and a match committee will be formed if it is a complex situation.

Uniforms and Equipment

Uniforms:

All clubs are required to submit uniforms to the OHA for approval. This should be done BEFORE Clubs order a new uniform. Taking the field in an unapproved uniform may cause the OHA to deem a match to be defaulted 5-0 and/or fine a Club up to \$100.00.

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.

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 OHA to fine a Club up to \$50.00 per infringing player.

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.

Match Balls:

All teams must supply the umpires with a Kookaburra EliteMk2 match ball before the start of a Premier match. Standard Kookaburra dimple balls will be accepted for lower grade games, however Kookaburra Elite Mk2 balls are the preferred option. The OHA may fine clubs up to \$50.00 for repeatedly failing to provide a suitable ball.

Injury/ Blood Bin Rules

All major incidents must be reported to an OHA representative or if none are on site or contactable, in writing as soon as possible. Incident reports are to be completed in the notebook found in the umpire boxes. On field management of injuries, including time stoppages, is at the discretion of the umpire and in accordance with the rules.

If a player is bleeding or has an open wound, then that player must stem the blood flow first and then leave the field immediately. They shall not re-enter the turf until the bleeding has ceased and/or the wound is adequately covered. Blood-stained clothing must be replaced.

If blood staining should occur on the turf, immediate cleaning must take place by applying the alcohol solution which is available from the middle dugouts.

Head Injury Rules

Hockey NZ has a Head Injury Rule and OHA abides with that rule which is as below:

At all Hockey New Zealand competitions and tournaments, Hockey New Zealand insists that a player that has received a head injury with suspected concussion may only commence playing again when a medical certificate clearing the player of concussion has been supplied to the Tournament Director. Hockey New Zealand strongly recommends that Associations and clubs follow the same procedure for their own competitions. Hockey New Zealand endorse the Sports Medicine New Zealand Inc "Head Injury in Sport" Policy Statement and strongly recommend that all hockey Associations and clubs in New Zealand adopt this document.

New protocols are due to be released and this Handbook will be updated accordingly. Clubs will be notified when this happens.

Breach of Competition Rules in the 2024 Otago Hockey Club Competition Handbook

Any breach of competition rules may result in a 4-point (equivalent of a win) deduction for the team by the OHA (or in the event of the game being a quarter final, semi-final or final, loss of the game).

Complaints shall be sent to the Competitions Manager for consideration. These need to be sent by the Club delegate only. Complaints from other parties will not be considered.

The Competition Manager will either:

Make a decision as per the rules and communicate back to the complainant.

Form the match committee within the existing delegates to make a decision and communicate back to the complainant.

Elevate the complaint to the Judicial committee through the General Manager.

There will be the right to appeal a decision that is made but this will carry a \$100 fee payable to the OHA. Where a decision is overturned through the appeal process the \$100 fee will be reimbursed. The appeal subcommittee will consist of three separate members from the Operations Committee that were not involved in the initial decision.

Complaints need to be submitted by 5pm on the Monday following the game.

Code of Conduct- Judicial

The 2024 Otago Hockey Club Competition has adopted the Otago Hockey Code of Conduct 2015, and this covers all participants' behaviors –players, coaches, managers, spectators on field and off the field.

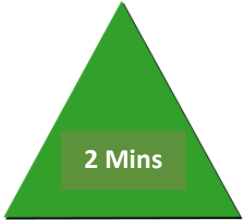


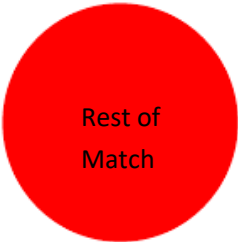
The Otago Hockey Association has adopted a points accumulation system based on the awarding of coloured cards by umpires. Depending on the card, and the number of points accumulated, an automatic penalty may be imposed, or a further penalty or suspension may result depending on the decision of the Judicial 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).

Note: 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.

During the match, an umpire may issue a player with a green, yellow, or red card. A green card serves as a warning; any level of yellow means suspension from the game for a minimum of 5minutes and a red card means the recipient will take no further part in the game. The umpires shall record all cards issued during a match on the match card. The Match official will manage the time period imposed on the players assigned card, however if no Match official is on the game, then this is the responsibility of the team manager/ coach- NOT the game officials out on the field.

Each card will carry penalty points as follows: (As per schedule1/OHA Code of Conduct)

Otago Hockey Card Guide

Card	Description of Offence	Points
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hitting the ball away with low impact. ➤ Interference within 5m of free hit with low impact. ➤ Poor tackle. ➤ Off-ball minor physical offences (pushing/holding). ➤ Time wasting (including during PC). ➤ Suicide running/blocking during PC. ➤ Unacceptable swearing out loud. 	1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Crowding of an umpire. ➤ Backchat/dissent towards a match official 	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deliberate use of foot, body or backstick. ➤ Swearing at or abusing an opponent or teammate. ➤ Hitting the ball away with greater impact on play or repeated offences. ➤ Clumsy tackle (not dangerous). ➤ All other repeated green card offences. 	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Swearing at or abusing a match official 	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tackle that brings a player to the ground. ➤ Dangerous use of the stick or body. ➤ Deliberate breakdown of play, including out of defense with a high impact on the game. ➤ Deliberate technical foul that denies a goal scoring opportunity. 	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repeated acts of swearing or abuse 	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Second yellow card for the same offence within the same match ➤ Nasty, malicious breakdown with intent to injure the opponent. ➤ Deliberate injury or threat to another player or official. ➤ Serious acts of swearing or abuse to any player, official or spectator (including racist, homophobic remarks). ➤ Spitting at an opponent or match official. 	Report (Automatic suspension of one match. The suspension may be increased if additional sanctions are applied through the outcome of a judicial process).

Miscellaneous

The OHA will deal with all other matters not provided for in this handbook.

Appendix 1

Rules for Challenge Shield

The Challenge Shield competition was established by OHA in 2013 to encourage competition and add excitement to the regular Club Competition.

The Men's and Women's shields will be competed for every fortnight during the competition. A Challenge Shield match will be noted on the draw.

- 1) The Challenge Shield may only be won by a challenger from its defender:
 - a) By a Club entered in the OHA Club Competition
 - b) In a match of the regular Club season in the usual allocated timeslot
 - i) This does not include quarterfinals, semi-finals, or finals
 - c) By an Outright Win in regular time
 - d) This does not include wins in extra time, penalty strokes 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 McMillan Hockey Centre at all times
 - c) Be presented to the current holders at the 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 McMillan Hockey Centre
 - c) Acting in a disreputable manner not deserving of the Shield at any time

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

Appendix 1a

The Division 2 Shield competition is being established by OHA in 2022 to encourage competition and add excitement to the regular Club Competition.

The Men's and Women's shields will be competed for every alternating fortnight during the competition. A Shield match will be noted on the draw.

- 1) The Shields may only be won by a challenger from its defender:

- a) By a Club entered in the OHA Club Competition
- b) In a match of the regular Club season in the usual allocated timeslot
 - i) This does not include quarterfinals, semi-finals, or finals
- c) By an Outright Win in regular time

2) The Shields shall:

- a) Be presented to the winning team at the completion of the match by the losing team if changing hands
- b) Remain at the McMillan Hockey Centre at all times
- c) Be presented to the current holders at the 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 McMillan Hockey Centre
- c) Acting in a disreputable manner not deserving of the Shield at any time

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

Appendix 2

Penalty Shoot Out (PSO) Competition Procedure

For Premier 1 Division round robin matches, ¼finals and semi-finals, each team takes three shoot outs. For finals and determining placing each team takes five shoot outs.

- A) Respective team captains nominate 3 players to take and one player to defend the shoot-outs from those on the match card except as excluded below. A player nominated to defend the shoot outs can also be nominated to take a shoot-out. No substitutions/replacements are permitted during the shoot-out competition, other than as specified below.
- B) A player suspended at the time of the shoot out or who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match may not take part. A player who has been warned (green card) or temporarily suspended (yellow card) may take part even if the period of their suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
- C) The umpires shall specify the goal to be used in advance.
- D) The umpires will specify in advance the method of timing.
- E) A coin toss will determine which team will defend or take the first shootout.
- F) All players on the match card other than those excluded permanently (red carded) are permitted to enter the field of play outside the 23m area used for the PSO but must be at least 10m from the spot where the ball is placed at the start of the shoot-out.

- G) The Gk/defender of the team taking the shoot-out may stand behind the backline outside the circle.
- H) A player taking or defending the shoot-out may enter the 23m area for that purpose.
- I) If a player taking a shoot-out is also defending the shoot-outs taken by opponents, (s)he is allowed reasonable time to take off/put on his/her protective equipment.
- J) 3 players from each team take a shoot-out alternating against the Gk/defender making a total of 6 shoot outs.
- K) Taking a shoot-out:
- i)The GK/defending player starts behind the goal line between the goal posts.
 - ii)The ball is placed on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal.
 - iii)An attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball.
 - iv)The umpire blows the whistle to signal the start of the shoot-out, the attacker and the GK/defender may then move in any direction.
 - v)The shoot-out is completed when:
 - 8 secs have elapsed since the starting signal
 - A goal is scored
 - The attacker commits an offence
 - The Gk/defending player commits an unintentional offence inside or outside the circle in which case the shoot-out is re-taken by the same player against the same Gk/defending player
 - The Gk/defending player commits an intentional offence inside or outside the circle, in which case a penalty stroke is awarded and taken
 - The ball goes out of play over the backline or side-line, this includes the GK/defending player intentionally playing the ball over the backline.
- L) If a penalty stroke (PS)is awarded as specified above, it is taken by the two players involved in the shoot-out concerned unless either of them is incapacitated or suspended.
- M) The team scoring the most goals is the winner and the competition ceases once an outright winner is determined.
- N) A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shootout.
- O) If during a shoot-out competition (including during any penalty stroke which is awarded) a player (either an attacker or a gk/defender) is suspended.
- (i)That player takes no further part in that shoot out competition and, unless a gk/defender cannot be replaced.
 - ii)The replacement for a suspended goalkeeper/defending player can only come from the three players of that team nominated to take part in the shoot-out competition:
 - (1) the replacement goalkeeper/defending player is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the goalkeeper/defending player (s)he is replacing was wearing.
 - (2) for taking his/her own shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off his/her protective equipment to take his/her shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.

iii) any shoot-out (or penalty stroke) due to be taken by a suspended player counts as no goal; the shoot-outs taken by this player and scored before being suspended count as a goal.

P) If during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper/defending player is incapacitated.

i. that goalkeeper/defending player may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the Match Card for that particular match, except as excluded in clause (b) of this Appendix or unless suspended by an umpire during the shoot-out competition.

ii. the replacement goalkeeper.

1. is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the incapacitated goalkeeper / defending player was wearing.

2. if this replacement is also nominated to take a shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off his protective equipment to take his shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.

Q) If during a shoot-out competition, an attacker is incapacitated, another player from among the players listed on the Match Card for that particular match may replace that attacker, except as excluded above in clause (b) or unless suspended by an umpire during the shoot-out competition.

R) If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken three shoot-outs.

i. a second series of three sudden death shoot-outs is taken with the same players, subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix.

ii. the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same as in the first series.

iii. the team whose player took the first penalty shoot-out in a series defends the first penalty shoot-out of the next series.

iv. when one team has scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after each team has taken the same number of shoot-outs, not necessarily being all three shoot-outs, that team is the winner.

S) If an equal number of goals are scored or awarded after a second series of three shoot-outs, additional series of shoot-outs are taken with the same players subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix:

i. the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same in any subsequent series.

ii. the team which starts each shoot-out series alternates for each series.

Appendix 3 Prizegiving trophy list

Umpiring awards

Dunbar Family Cup - Junior Female Umpire of the Year
Jofe Jenkins Cup – Junior Male Umpire of the Year
Helen Napier Cup – Most Improved Female Umpire of the Year
Glossop Bayne Cup – Most Improved Male Umpire of the Year
Warren Leonard Cup – Senior Female Umpire of the Year
Courtney Rowe Cup - Senior Male Umpire of the Year
Official of the Year

Club Competition

TOAST Cup Women
TOAST Cup Men

Division 3 Women Plate Final
Division 3 Women Points – De Lambert Trophy
Division 3 Women Winner – Debra Cousins Cup
Division 3 Men Points – HSOB Cup
Division 3 Men Winner – Crimp Trophy

Division 2 Women Points – Stoddart Trophy
Division 2 Women Winner – June Gill Trophy
Division 2 Women's- Plate Trophy
Division 2 Men Points – Bedford Trophy
Division 2 Men Winner – Williamson Cup
Division 2 Men Plate Winner
Division 2 Challenge Shield- Women
Division

Challenge Shield holders Men
Challenge Shield holders Women
Top Goal Scorer in Premier Women
Top Goal Scorer in Premier Men – Aubin Cup
Premier Women Points – McDonald Trophy
Premier Men Points – Hogg Cup
Premier Women Winner – Southern Cup
Premier Men Winner – Otago Hockey Life Members Cup

Club Special Awards

Division 3 Women's Player of the Year
Division 3 Men Player of the Year
Division 2 Women's Player of the Year
Division 2 Men's Player of the Year
Division 1 Women's Player of the Year
Division 1 Men's Player of the Year
Master's Player of the Year
Cooke Howlison Team of the Year Award
Coach of the Year Award

Please note: Division Points Trophies- In the case of two teams being on equal points at the completion of the Round Robin portion of the competition then the winner will be decided on goal difference.

Appendix 4 MATCH RESCHEDULE REQUEST FORM



CLUB _____

DATE OF MATCH _____

REASON FOR RESCHEDULE _____

UNAVAILABLE PLAYERS _____

Signed (Club Delegate): _____

Date: _____

OHA Office use

Date:

Approved/ Declined

Club advised: