



Ice Hockey NSW 2020 Handbook

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A Guide for Members and Officials on the Administration and Local Regulations of Ice Hockey in New South Wales
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1 - Regulatory Bodies Controlling Ice Hockey In New South Wales

Ice Hockey in New South Wales is conducted according to the rules and regulations of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the Australian Ice Hockey Federation Incorporated (AIHF) and the New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Incorporated and the Constitutions of the Australian Ice Hockey Federation Incorporated and the New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Incorporated (NSWIHA), unless otherwise stated.

The New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Incorporated carries the sole responsibility for the conduct of all officially sanctioned games in New South Wales.

The playing rules of the current IIHF Rule Book apply, unless otherwise stated.

These rules are enforceable under the Constitution and By Laws of the New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Inc., as approved by the [New South Wales Department of Fair Trading](#).

No amendment to any existing rule will be retrospective.

The New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Incorporated operates under the registered name of Ice Hockey New South Wales and the Association will be referred to as IHNSW in most instances from here on.

The Australian Ice Hockey Federation operates under the registered name of Ice Hockey Australia and will be referred to as IHA herein.

2 - Operating Structure of IHNSW

2.1 IHNSW Committee of Management

Official Committee Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.

The Committee consists of the following elected officers:

2.1.1 Executive

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

2.1.2 Ordinary Members

Four are determined each year at the AGM.

2.1.3 Additional Officers

Additional Officers are appointed by the Committee at the beginning of the season. One Delegate is appointed by each Club Affiliate and has voting rights at Committee meetings.

The following appointed Officers do not have voting rights at Committee meetings:

- Coaching Director
- Development Officer
- Game Official / Referee Administrator
- Playing Operations Director
- Referee Development Director
- Senior Representative Officer
- Social Justice/Member Protection Information Officer
- Sports Medicine Director
- Tournament Director
- Women's Hockey Director

An Executive Officer is employed by IHNSW.

2.2 The Association's Democratic Structure

IHNSW is incorporated in New South Wales and is governed by the will of the majority of members through the Committee of Management and the provisions of the Constitution of the New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Inc., as registered with the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

2.2.1 Ordinary Members of the Committee of Management

Four are decided by ballot at the IHNSW Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinary Member Nomination Form, distributed prior to every AGM. Ordinary Members from the nominations received MUST be elected at the AGM each year. In the event that nominations are not received the Friday 5pm one week prior to the AGM, nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided the nominee is present and able to accept the nomination.

Unfilled Ordinary Member positions do not remain vacant however, in the event of a casual vacancy occurring, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy and that member will hold office until the conclusion of the AGM next following the date of appointment.

2.2.2 Club Delegates

Club Delegates and complete Club Committee contact list are to be forwarded to the Executive Officer, for approval by the Committee of Management meeting at the commencement of the year.

All Club Committee members must be registered with IHNSW.

Only the IHNSW Committee of Management and appointed Club Delegates are eligible to vote at Committee meetings and as proxies are not permitted, only the votes of those present count. Although a club may have more than one appointed Club Delegate, only a single Club Delegate vote may be cast on a Club's behalf at any CoM meeting.

Functional, non-voting officers are appointed annually by the Committee of Management and attend Committee meetings to promote discussion and recommendations in the administration of the sport, for their specific areas of responsibility.

Elected officers that take a strictly "club" view are discouraged and unlikely to be re-elected by the members.

In essence, it is the view of the majority of Club Delegates that governs the direction of IHNSW.

For this reason, it is important that club members communicate their views to their Club Delegates, and where possible assist in some way in the workings of their club - members may be surprised at the number of small tasks that require assistance! With just a little help from members, the sport will continue for the benefit of all.

Any financial member is welcome to attend meetings of the Committee of Management, as an observer.

His/her Club Delegate may request that a member be invited to participate in the discussion on any matters of great interest they may have.

Meetings of the Committee of Management are held on the first Wednesday of every month, [7pm at Sports House, Sydney Olympic Park](#). The Executive Officer will confirm the time and place for interested members, or check the website for the year's meeting schedule.

Meetings are conducted in accordance with the Constitution and are chaired by the President. The Minutes of all meetings are circulated to the Committee of Management, Club Delegates, Appointed Officers and any visitors attending the meeting.

2.3 Procedure for Enquiries, Complaints & Contacting IHNSW

Any enquiries MUST be made to (or via) a member's Club Committee or Delegate, before approaching IHNSW. Initially, a Team Manager is the first person to approach with an enquiry.

More serious complaints of harassment or abuse or non-game / play related grievances, should initially be directed to a member's club Social Justice Officer / Committee of Management, who may then report to the IHNSW Social Justice Officer / Committee of Management. Due process will then be followed as per the IHNSW By-Laws and Constitution.

It is highly unlikely that IHNSW will directly enter into any official correspondence with individual club members, unless it can be determined that the issue has been dealt with in an unsatisfactory manner by the respective officer of the relevant club.

Any member taking an issue to an external authority before giving the Committee of Management of IHNSW a reasonable time to respond and / or take action, is likely to face disciplinary proceedings as per the Rules in the IHNSW Constitution.

All Officers of IHNSW are keen to assist members to get the best out of their participation in the sport of Ice Hockey. When appropriate, the identity and contact details for all appointed officers can be obtained from your club or IHNSW Executive Officer.

2.4 Sanctioning of Special Games

Sanctioning requests must be received in writing to IHNSW with all required supporting documents a minimum of 7 days before the event. [Sanctioning request form](#)

An IHNSW-sanctioned event includes all games, club try-outs and training sessions, State Team selections and training and any Special, Exhibition or Invitational games conducted under the auspices of IHNSW, or in which IHA and/or IHNSW insurers may have a liability.

Sanctioned events must comply with all IHNSW and/or IHA Rules, pertaining to registration, membership, accreditation, coaches, managers, on-ice officials, uniforms and the provisions of the NSW Child Protection Act, with game reports for every match submitted to IHNSW.

All Sanctioned events must be run through Esportsdesk to registrations of those attending.

Referees and Linesman are to be paid at the IHNSW grade level.

Sanctioning is required for any home or away event involving members of another IHA member State Association or visiting international team and in both cases, IHNSW will also have to seek IHA approval. To apply for sanctioning, please complete the Sanctioning of Special events form and submit to IHNSW.

3 - IHNSW Seasons

3.1 IHNSW Season Dates

3.1.1 Winter League

Season commences: Saturday 21st March 2020

Season will finish by: Sunday 27th September 2020

- **All memberships expire on the last day of February each year.**
- Playing members are able to train until the end of February but are unregistered after this date unless proof of registration can be shown.
- Only teams with full player lists and registrations will be included in the draw.
- Long week-ends and National Championship schedules will be avoided wherever possible.
- Some grades may start later or finish earlier than the above dates.
- Changes in the availability of ice time at short notice may force late changes to the draw.
- There will be no league games played over the Easter long weekend.

3.2 Number and Time Periods of League Games

The objective of IHNSW is to provide 18 competition games for each team (excluding the play-offs / finals), subject to available ice time.

There are exceptions to Squirts, Midget, Senior and East Coast Super League - see [Special Game Rules Relating To Particular Grades](#) pertaining to these grades.

All games (except Midget, East Coast Super League¹ and Senior), have a maximum duration of 60 minutes and are played in three timed periods with 1 minute (minimum) intervals, as follows:-

- First two periods: 15 minutes running time
- Third period: 10 minutes running time and up to 5 minutes of stop time¹, or the game limit of 60 minutes, whichever is first.²

All games in Midget and Senior have a maximum duration of 75 minutes and are played in three timed periods with 1 minute (minimum) intervals, as follows:-

- First two periods: 20 minutes running time
- Third period: 15 minutes running time and up to 5 minutes of stop time¹, or the game limit of 75 minutes, whichever is first.²

During running time, the time clock will only stop when the referee calls time-out.

NOTE

If the score differential exceeds 10 goals, further goals should not be displayed and the stop time is not applicable.

¹Time clock stops when the referee stops play for any reason.

²Timekeeper is authorized to announce the return to running time as required.

4 - Club Affiliation & Membership Registration of Players & Officials

4.1 Club Affiliation Fee

Each club affiliated to IHNSW must be an Incorporated Association in its own right.

Each club must renew its affiliation with IHNSW each year. This club affiliation fee has been set at \$110.00 (Inclusive of GST), payable before member registrations can be lodged. Affiliation will not be accepted without a full financial report (unless the club is less than one year old), a financial clearance letter from the home rink and a copy of Form 12 that has been lodged with the DFT and the criteria according to the By-Laws on affiliation, are met. This will apply to each affiliating club each year.

4.2 Registration Categories & Fees for Annual Membership (Inclusive of GST)

Category	Description	IHA Fee	IHNSW Fee
Volunteer/Supporter*	Volunteers, Supporters and Open Day Membership Promotions	M00 \$0.00	AV \$1.00
Casual Member (CAS)	Come and Try activities only, new members only	M00 \$0.00	CAS \$0.00
Non-Playing Official (NPOS)	Team Officials, Penalty Box and Score Box	M02 \$0.00	NPOS \$1.00
Coach	18 and over	M08 \$104.50	CS \$1.00
Referee	18 and over	M08 \$104.50	RS \$2.00
Development Player	17 and under	M04 \$66.00	DJ \$25.00
	18 and over	M05 \$77.00	DS \$33.00
In-House Player	17 and under	M06 82.50	IJ \$25.00
	18 and over	M08 \$104.50	IS \$33.00
Junior Player	Under 18 on March 1 st	M10 \$143.00	PJ \$122.00
Senior Player	Over 18 on March 1 st	M11 \$165.00	PS \$145.00
ECSL		M11 \$165.00	PS \$145.00
Senior Division	18 and over (includes Referee course & paid scorers)	M11 \$165.00	SNR B \$175.00

All members who are in direct contact with members under 18's years of age must comply with Working with Children Checks.

Clubs may levy an all-inclusive fee to cover the above registration (includes insurances, state & federal administration and affiliation), club affiliation, game referee and line officials' fees, club administration expenses and the cost of training ice. There will also be a small charge for each game played to cover ice time costs.

Each affiliated club will be supplied Directors and Officers Liability Insurance through Ice Hockey Australia at a small premium.

4.3 Membership Fees Cover

The following information is provided as a broad indication of how the fees are formulated:

- Sports Injury and Public Liability Insurance;
- State administration wages and on costs, office equipment and consumables;
- Committee of Management meetings;
- Ice Hockey Australia Executive Officer's wages and on costs;
- Ice Hockey Australia office equipment, consumables, officers' travel and expense reimbursements;
- Development and officials programs, recognition trophies, uniforms, patches etc; and
- Referee fee subsidies, insurance indemnities for IHNSW and its Officers, and affiliation fees.

A full copy of the Association's annual accounts are tabled at every Annual General Meeting or are available for inspection at the office.

4.4 Expiry of Annual Membership Registrations

Teams are able to train until the last day of February each year however, if annual membership fees are not paid in full by March 1st each year, members are not insured and cannot train or play until registration fees have been received.

IHNSW will not accept any responsibility for any person who is not a financial member.

An un-financial member training and/or playing who subsequently becomes a financial member, will be required to state his/her case before the tribunal panel and may be subject to a suspension period before being allowed to play in competition games.

Refunds for membership are only possible if you have played zero games and trained zero times.

4.5 Registration Process

A member registering on-line will still be subject to providing any required documentation such as ID and clearance/transfer forms, before registration will be recognized by IHNSW.

All registrations must be submitted through an affiliated club of IHNSW. Applicants must become a financial member of an affiliated club of their choice by paying the appropriate fees as set by that club. Only ECSL age players can register with ECSL. Registration is conditional on club approval. Online registration does not guarantee you will be placed in a team.

First time applicants must also submit a photocopy of their birth certificate or their passport.

Players must be registered with a team playing in the IHNSW competition.

All Elected Club Committee members must have a minimum registration of Non Playing Official Senior (NPOS).

It is recommended that a parent or both parents of a junior aged player should register at the same time as their child as a Non Playing Official Senior (NPOS, to assist with scoring and timekeeping. This will help eliminate officials appearing on Game Reports who are not registered.

All Scorekeepers and Timekeepers must be registered as Non Playing Official Senior (NPOS)

Coaches / managers who allow players to play without valid registrations will be held responsible for the illegal player fine of \$200.00 (No GST required). The team will forfeit all points gained in that game.

The Committee of Management subsequently has the right to reject any application at its sole discretion with the applicant having the right to appeal for reconsideration within one month. The Committee's decision is final, unless otherwise directed by the members at a Special General Meeting.

In the event of a rejected application, a refund of the registration fee may be considered by the Committee of Management.

4.6 Membership Age Grades for Players

All players must be registered in their respective age grade. No exceptions will be made. This does not prevent them from playing in higher age grades only, with the relevant documentation.

Female players are eligible to play in the Bantam age grade.

Players are permitted to play with only a single team in the same grade, including Senior Division.

4.7 Age Grades & Rules for AA & A Divisions (if applicable)

Following are rules and regulations for AA & A divisions:

- Maximum of one team per club in each division unless determined otherwise by the committee.
- A maximum of 20 players plus 2 goalies per team per game

Grade	IHA Standardised Naming from 2021	Age Group	Playing Rules
Mites	Mites	7 & under Mixed (as at 31 December of registration year)	Cross Ice – 3 on 3
Atoms	9U	9 & under Mixed (as at 31 December of registration year)	Cross Ice – 3 on 3
Squirts	11U	11 & under Mixed (as at 31 December of registration year)	Body contact, no deliberate checking. No slap shot
Pee Wee *	13U	13 & under Mixed (as at 31 December of registration year)	Body contact, no deliberate checking
Junior		Male: 14-18 (as at 31 December of registration year) Female: 14-20 (as at 31 December of registration year)	Body contact, no deliberate checking
Bantam *	15U	15 & under Mixed (as at 31 December of registration year)	Full Contact
Midget	18U	18 & under Male (as at 31 December of registration year)	Full Contact
Women		Female only: First year bantam age and up; peewee age players permitted a playing up form.	Body contact, no deliberate checking
East Coast Super League		Open Age Male, minimum age of 17, with each team comprising of not less than 40% of players 25 year or under as at 31 December of registration year	Full Contact
Senior Division		Open Age Mixed (over 18 only)	Body contact, no deliberate checking

* First year Bantams (14) may apply to play down into Peewee – Subject to Club and Executive approval

* First year Midgets (16) may apply to play down into Bantam – Subject to Club and Executive approval

4.8 Clearances

A player must obtain an official clearance from his/her previous overseas, interstate or local club, by writing to the secretary of the club and requesting a written response on an official letterhead within 14 days.

If any club/team allows a member to play without the required clearance documentation, the member will be deemed an illegal player and the club will be fined accordingly.

Clubs are required to respond to a player's request for a clearance within 7 days. If a clearance is refused, the club must respond and inform IHNSW. If a club fails to respond within 7 days, the player may appeal in writing to IHNSW for immediate clearance to play.

If a player has been refused clearance, he/she has a right of appeal to the Committee of Management, who may uphold the refusal or grant the clearance at its sole discretion and its decision is final.

IHNSW will not become involved in financial disputation between individual members and their clubs (Incorporated Associations in their own right). In the event that a request for clearance is refused due to a financial liability, the onus is on the member to resolve the matter with their club and to the satisfaction of both parties. Any resultant action and/or litigation is a matter for and between the individual member and his/her club alone.

With the exception of transfers within IHNSW local Clubs, once IHNSW has granted a player a clearance, they are no longer eligible to play any more games for any team or club in NSW for the remainder of that hockey season, as the NSW membership has ceased.

For further guidance regarding player movements, please refer to [IHA regulations](#).

4.9 Rules Governing Imports / Overseas Visitors

IIHF Regulations state that any player moving from one country to another requires transfer approval. This approval is required irrespective of whether or not the individual played hockey in his/her country of birth.

All new players registering to play and all "Play Ups" into senior full contact hockey such as **ECSL** who are were either:

- a) born overseas or
 - b) Australian born players who have previously transferred overseas
- will require a IIHF transfer processed <http://www.iha.org.au/transfers/>

Senior/Womens non-checking players who are were either:

- a) born overseas or
 - b) Australian born players who have previously transferred overseas
- shall provide a Stat Dec to declare that they have either a) never played elsewhere or b) if played elsewhere that they have no outstanding debts or suspensions from other leagues.

All under-age players who are were either:

- a) born overseas or
 - b) Australian born players who have previously transferred overseas
- must have a IIHF transfer processed at zero cost <http://www.iha.org.au/transfers/>

Under age players will not be eligible to compete in IHNSW Winter League games until the International Transfer has been finalised.

Please see www.iha.org.au/transfers for detailed information, forms and fees

4.10 State Team Eligibility

To be eligible to play for IHNSW in the Ginsberg, De Fris, Tange and Brown National Championships, a player must be a permanent resident, have a visa of two years or more validity, or be an Australian Citizen. No import players are permitted to compete in these Championships.

NSW players and goalies that tryout for a NSW State Team and are unsuccessful, may be eligible to participate for Ice Hockey ACT (IHACT) in National Championships. IHNSW and IHACT will determine this after Team selection is finalised.

4.11 National Team Eligibility

Strict rules govern the inclusion of non-Australian born players representing Australia in IIHF Championships.

Players holding a valid Australian Passport who are Australian by birth, with no other citizenship plus their parents also are Australian by birth, have participated in IHA national competitions for at least two years.

In all other cases, please refer to the [IIHF Bylaw – Rule 406](#)

5 - Team Competition & Officials

5.1 Requirements for Entering Teams

All team members must be registered with an affiliated club.

A team should comprise a minimum of 12 players and a goalie. A maximum of 20 plus 2 registered goalies. A player can only be listed for one team when registering.

An attendance of less than six players on any teams' bench will constitute a game forfeit and will be subject to the prescribed penalties.

All teams up to and including Midget must have a minimum two non-playing officials on the bench at each game, including an accredited Coach and an adult Manager.

All teams with a player (or players) under the age of 18 must have a minimum two non-playing officials on the bench at each game, including an accredited Coach and an adult Manager. Senior division is exempt from this rule, but must have a minimum of one non-playing official on the bench at each game.

Open-age teams both at home and travelling must have an adult coach or manager however, he/she can also be a player as long as his/her first priority is to leave the ice in the case of an incident that requires assistance. The designated coach or manager must also be listed on the game sheet as such. Only open-age teams can have a or a coach manager who is also a player.

A coach cannot be the manager of a team. Scorekeepers and Timekeepers cannot be listed as bench officials for the teams playing.

Failure to adhere to the rules concerning coaches and managers will result in a fine of \$200 (No GST required), and a game forfeiture should the offending team be the winning team. If both teams have breached the rules, both will be fined \$200 (No GST required), and no points will be awarded for the game.

- If a team is withdrawn during the competition, the team fees for all games played plus a fine of \$500.00 is payable.
- Team fees balance is invoiced on 1st July, with payment due on 15th July. All teams are billed one game in the playoffs.
- All new clubs must pay FULL team fees in advance (at team registration) of the season for their first 2 years.
- Clubs are not permitted to offer inducements to entice players to change Clubs e.g. free registration, free training fees or free equipment.

5.2 Annual "Playing Up" and "Playing Down" Approval Form

Eligible players aged under 18 years, wishing to "play up" or "play down" into a higher/lower grade than their grade of registration, are required to lodge an 'Annual Playing Up Approval Form' or 'Over Age playing Down Consent and Approval Form' for each and every higher or lower grade.

Players and Goalies are only permitted to "play up" **into a higher contact grade** if the player is in the upper age bracket of their chronological age grade ("second year")

Players and Goalies in the lower age bracket of the player's chronological age grade ("first year") will not be considered for Playing Up **into a higher contact grade**.

The fully completed form must be lodged with the Association prior to the first game in the specific grade, bearing the approval of the parent or guardian, coach, manager and a club office bearer. A player that is approved to play up, may do so provided the lower grade is not disadvantaged.

The reasons for this are:-

- The IHNSW "duty of care" to ensure that the nominated parties are all of the opinion that the player has the ability to compete proficiently and safely at the proposed level.
- The administrative needs to ensure that all those involved are aware that the player will be committed to play for more than one team, and that they accept the logistical implications of this.

5.3 "Playing up" and "Playing down" Regulations

A player that is approved to play up may do so provided the lower grade team is not disadvantaged. This means that a player that is approved to 'play up' has the obligation to play for the team of his/her initial registration, that being the age-based team, if any games occur at or around the same time.

It is the responsibility of both the individual player and the coach of the 'play up' team to ensure compliance with this regulation.

Should a player be played in contravention of this regulation, the play up team who allows the player to participate will forfeit all competition points for that game. In addition, the coach of the team choosing to play the play up will automatically be suspended for 2 games.

Players and coaches who continually abuse this rule will be brought before the IHNSW Executive for a 'show cause' hearing.

Goalkeepers may be an exception to this rule, on application to the IHNSW Executive.

IHNSW strongly recommends that a player that is approved to play up may do so provided no player registered on the play up team is disadvantaged. This means that a player approved to play up should not be used to replace a player that is registered on that team and is able to play.

Specifically, should a team carry able players to satisfy the team requirements, coaches have an obligation to play the players registered in that age group as a priority.

Coaches who continually abuse this recommendation will be brought before the IHNSW Executive committee for a 'show cause' hearing.

For first year Bantam (14yrs old as at 31st December) to play down into Peewee, Executive Approval must be given. For first year Midget (16yrs old as at 31st December) **or Women (females turning 16, 17 and 18 as at 31st December)** to play down into Bantam, Executive Approval must be given.

All approvals are subject to Executive review throughout the entire season. The Executive Approval will be based on an assessment of the skill and safety of the player.

Players who represent NSW or ACT (or any other state) at National Championships in the previous calendar year are ineligible to play down for their Club. Players who are reserves on a State team, but do not attend the National Championships, will be eligible to play down, subject to Executive Approval.

5.4 Rules Governing Player Uniforms & Equipment

All uniform jerseys must display the IHNSW badge on the upper right chest area, and playing numbers on the back and on each sleeve.

All players competing in Midget (regardless of age) and under, and female players under 18 years must display a RESPECT patch in a readily visible position on their back.

Every member of a team must be dressed uniformly in respect of the colour of their jerseys and stockings. The referee is authorised to refuse entry to the ice for any team member that is not uniformly attired. Players selected for NSW State Teams will be required to have a white helmet except for goalies.

All protective gear including shoulder, elbow and pants padding, shin guards, and throat guards where applicable, must be worn by all players at all times when on the ice. No exceptions. If players are not wearing full protective gear at all times when on the ice, referees maybe liable.

If the referee inadvertently allows a player to play whilst failing to meet the uniform & equipment rules (such as face & neck guards), the opposing team captain must advise the referee and the referee will enforce the appropriate IIHF Rules. If the player does not comply then the referee will suspend play until such time that either the player leaves the ice or abides by the ruling. The penalty of \$100 (No GST required), will be issued to the team via their club, for any player who continues to flaunt equipment rulings.

Players' helmets must be a type approved by the IIHF and must not be painted or bear any stickers or numbers. This ruling does not apply to goalies helmets. Goalkeepers must wear approved helmets.

Shoulder pads are compulsory for ALL grades.

Hockey gear is not safe for Ice Hockey and is not permitted.

All teams should have an alternate jersey. When teams have a clash in jerseys, then the home team is required to change into their alternate jersey.

All male players competing in Midget (regardless of age), in ECSL (under 18) and all female players, must wear an approved full cage/full visor, when on the ice.

Male players born after 31st December 1974, must wear a half or full cage / half or full visor when on ice. See also [Special Rules for Midgets 18U](#). Players are not permitted to wear a coloured or tinted visor or a coloured or tinted full face mask.

All players under 18 years and all players competing in Midget (regardless of age) must wear an approved throat protector when on the ice. Ages are to be noted on the Game Report sheets.

State Team uniforms are only available for sale to those players and officials selected.

COACHES MUST WEAR HELMETS WHILST ON THE ICE.

Where an official has cause to believe, a player is not wearing the appropriate mandatory safety equipment and they wish to verify, the official may request that the player demonstrate the proper equipment is being worn. The onus of proof is upon the player to demonstrate the proper equipment is being worn to the satisfaction of the official. If the official remains unconvinced that the appropriate equipment is being worn, they may take action per IIHF **RULE 29 – DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT**.

Please note the following applicable IIHF rules:

RULE 31 – FACIAL PROTECTION & MOUTH GUARD

- iv. Male players born after December 31, 1974, must wear, as a minimum, a visor.
- v. All female players must wear a helmet with cage.
- vi. All skaters in the age category Under-18 must wear a cage constructed in such a way that neither the puck nor a stick blade can penetrate it.
- vii. Skaters are not allowed to wear a coloured or tinted visor.
- ix. All skaters in the age category Under-20 must wear a mouth guard.

RULE 35 – NECK AND THROAT PROTECTOR/SKATER

- i. All players who are 18 years and younger, regardless what event or tournament they are participating in, must wear a neck and throat protector.

and the following applicable IHNSW Handbook rule:

- All Male players in Senior Divisions MUST wear a half or full cage/half or full visor when on the ice.

All of the above rules are enforceable under IIHF Rule

RULE 128 – DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

- i. A referee can prohibit the use of any player equipment he feels might cause injury.
- ii. The team of a player who participates in game action with illegal equipment will first be issued a warning by the referee. Failure to comply with the warning to adjust, replace, or secure any equipment as per the referee's instructions will mean any player from that team subsequently violating rules for dangerous equipment will be assessed a misconduct penalty.

INTERPRETATIONS

Squirts, Peewees, Junior, Bantams & Midgets - All players must wear a full cage or full visor, all players must wear Neck and Throat Protectors. Mouth Guards are NOT mandatory for players in these ages grades.

Players Under 18 (including ALL players registered in Senior Player Junior) playing in Seniors & Women's - All players must wear a full cage or full visor, all players must wear Neck and Throat Protectors. Mouth Guards are NOT mandatory for players in these ages grades.

Players Under 18 (including ALL players registered in Midget category) playing in ECSL - All players must wear a full cage or full visor, all players must wear Neck and Throat Protectors. Mouth Guards are NOT mandatory for players in these ages grades.

Players Under 20 playing in ECSL - All players must wear a mouth guard regardless of other facial protection worn

Players Under 43 playing in ECSL - All players must wear, as a minimum, a visor.

Senior Male Players - All players in Senior must wear a half or full cage/half or full visor when on the ice.

Senior Female Players - All players must wear a full cage or visor.

5.5 How Team Standings are Determined

It is the responsibility of the game referee to ensure that the original game sheet is signed by each team manager, coach or captain, and is forwarded with the report sheet, to the IHNSW Executive Officer on the first working day following the game.

Failure to comply with this requirement without satisfactory justification (as determined by the Committee of Management in consultation with the Referee Development Officer, will forfeit the applicable game fee for the most senior referee in charge of each unreported game.

Team standings on completion of all rounds will be based on:

- **Games Won: Two points**
- **Games Tied: One point**
- **Cancelled Games in Senior Division: One Point**

If any teams are equal, the following will decide the standings, based only on the games played between them:

- Most games won
- Most goals scored
- Least goals scored against

If any teams are still tied, the highest percentage from all games is calculated by the following formula:
Percentage (%) = (goals for / goals for and goals against) x 100.

The standings at the end of the season are determined by the officially appointed Statistician. These standings are final.

5.6 Rules Governing Player Eligibility for Play-Offs / Finals

Players must have played 7 games or more with the team. Double point games count as only one game when determining eligibility.

Except Senior, Goaltenders are excluded from this rule providing the usual team goal tender is unavailable to play, and that he/she has played 7 games or more as a goalie for another team in a lower grade in the same club.

In Senior, an exemption must be received to play a goaltender in the playoffs that did not play 7 games or more with the team. The team must supply IHNSW an exemption request, outlining why the usual team goaltender is unavailable to play and also the goaltender they are wishing to play.

The procedure for exemption approval is as follows: 1) the opposing team has 48 hours to approve/decline the exemption 2) if declined, a reason must be provided and IHNSW will have the final decision.

In this case a Peewee age Goaltender playing up is not required to meet Lines Course eligibility.

All clubs must submit a listing of all players for each play-off team to IHNSW, at least two weeks before the first scheduled play-off game.

If a player has been unable to play sufficient games due to injury or illness during the season, a certificate from a medical practitioner confirming the period and nature of his/her incapacity that is lodged with IHNSW with the team list, will enable the scheduled games during such period to be counted.

5.7 How Semi-Finals & Finals are Structured

All semi-finals shall consist of one game, with the possible exception of the ECSL and Senior.

Semi-Finals structure is 1v4 and 2v3 for Junior and Women's grades, regardless of number of teams in the grade.

All Grand finals shall consist of one game, with the possible exception of the ECSL and Senior.

If any teams remain equal at the end of regular time, five (5) minutes 'sudden death' extra time will apply and shall be 'stop time' with the exception of ECSL and Senior.

If the score remains equal at the end of extra time, a best of three (3) penalty shootout will apply with the exception of ECSL and Senior.

If still equal after three shots per team, the shootout will continue until there is a result, after an equal number of shots with the exception of ECSL and Senior.

All players listed on the team sheet who are not serving penalties or injured at the end of the overtime period are to be used once in the sudden death shootout before a player can shoot a second time.

5.8 Player Awards

Ice Hockey NSW presents three awards annually in each division, recognising players' individual contributions to the Winter League. The following awards are presented annually in all divisions (usually at the AGM):

- Highest Point Scorer
- Best Goalkeeper – save percentage
- Most Valuable Player

IHNSW determines Highest Point Scorer and Best Goalkeeper.

Most Valuable player award: All clubs to nominate ONE MVP per grade from their team. A list of nominees is then provided to clubs. Coaches from each team vote on the individuals below using a 3, 2, 1 system whereby the best player is awarded with 3 points, second best is 2 points, etc. You cannot vote for your own player. Your club can only vote in divisions where you have a team participating.

For Example in Bantam:

BANTAM GRADE MVP			
NOMINATIONS		VOTING	
Team Name	Nominated Player	Your Team Name:	
Bears		Your votes:	
Eagles		3 points –	
Flyers		2 points –	
Northstars		1 point –	
Saints			
Ice Zoo			

The Jeffrey Scott Officiating Award is awarded annually to a Rookie Official who has shown dedication, effort and perseverance throughout the season. The winner of the award will receive a trophy, their name on the website Honour Roll and a prize of \$1000.00.

5.9 Referee Information

Current officials must do a refresher course every 3 years to be eligible to officially referee games, however it is compulsory for officials to complete an officials course every time a new IIHF Rule Book is presented, usually every four years. Officials should be encouraged to do refresher courses whenever possible.

A minimum of two game officials are required for a game to commence.

It is the responsibility of the Game Referee to ensure that the original Game Report is signed by Team Managers or Coaches before the game.

The original Game Report and Referees Incident Report must be returned to the IHNSW Executive Officer on the first working day of the following week, so that any reports can be acted upon and for payments of officials. Only original copies will be accepted for these purposes.

So that the Executive Officer can notify players of any Match Penalty suspension / Tribunal that may be applicable to a penalty/offence received, referees must note on the IHNSW Incident Report the relevant offence as listed on the IHNSW Schedule of Offences.

If a club official draws the referee's attention to an unauthorised person on the bench or a spectator in an unprotected area of the rink, the referee has the power to stop the game until the unregistered official or spectator has been moved, with the clock still running until the person has moved. Failure to move can result in citing him/her or the family member playing, for disciplinary purposes.

If the Referee inadvertently allows a player to play whilst failing to meet the uniform & equipment rules (such as face & neck guards), the opposing team captain must advise the referee and the referee will enforce the appropriate IIHF Rules. If the player does not comply then the referee will suspend play until such time that either the player leaves the ice or abides by the ruling.

In order for Bantam or Midget age players to be eligible to play in ANY playoffs, they must have completed the IHA Officials Course, or complete the online Referee exam and achieve a pass mark of 70/100. If they choose this option. Online exam can be completed at any point in the season, but must be done before they are eligible to try out for State Teams or play in finals

Abuse of Officials will not be tolerated by IHNSW. Members are expected to support the decisions of officials at all times. If any member receives a second Abuse of Official penalty in the same season, they will be sent a letter from IHNSW. Any member that receives a third Abuse of Official penalty in the same season will be automatically called to an IHNSW Disciplinary Tribunal.

Officials are not permitted to Officiate above their age group. No minor age Officials may Referee or Line open grade games (ECSL/Senior Division/Women's).

5.10 Procedures for Protests & Complaints from Games

Protests or complaints regarding reports or suspensions must be lodged to the IHNSW office within 72 hours of official notification from IHNSW. The protest must be on or accompanied by, a covering letter/ email/ fax, on an official club letterhead, signed by a recognised officer of the club.

Protests during semi-finals and finals must be lodged by the club's secretary to IHNSW, within 12 hours from the end of the game.

6 - Illegalities

6.1 Penalties For Game Forfeits

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their teams play in all scheduled games. Failure to do so will result in a \$500.00 (No GST) forfeiture fee.

This is to cover the cost of ice time, loss of gate receipts and to act as a deterrent for any costs or inconvenience caused to the other team and its supporters.

IHNSW will invoice Clubs directly for the forfeiture fee. IHNSW will make all payments to rinks for ice time and all payments to Officials.

6.2 Cancelled Games

In the event of IHNSW being responsible for the cancellation or postponement of a game, club(s) affected should submit a detailed invoice to IHNSW for costs incurred. This rule does not apply to games cancelled in Senior Division due to insufficient Officials.

6.3 The Definition of an Illegal or Ineligible Player

An illegal or ineligible player is one that is:

- Suspended
- Playing Up without approval
- Over-aged
- Unregistered or un-financial
- Without clearance from previous Club/Association/State or Country
- An ineligible import
- In breach of any other playing restriction in this handbook
- Does not have the appropriate IHNSW membership

6.4 Tribunals and Rules Governing Suspended Players

A Judiciary Tribunal shall comprise 3 or more persons selected by the committee, one of whom shall be appointed Chairman.

No member of the committee is eligible to sit on a Judiciary Tribunal. A Tribunal hearing shall be no less than 14 days and no more than 28 days from receipt of the referral, unless the matter is deemed to require urgent attention, in which case the defendant and Judiciary Tribunal may agree on a variation of the time frame set out in By-Law rule 11.

A suspended player cannot participate in any game whatsoever until the suspension has been served as per the following criteria:

- The first consecutive scheduled inter-club competition game(s) in the team and grade the suspension was received.
- Exhibition Games do not count for the serving of suspensions.
- A double point game only counts for one game when serving a suspension.
- A suspended player must be removed from the team sheet and cannot sit on the bench.
- Unless determined otherwise by the Tribunal Panel and subject to club approval, a suspended player may continue training with his or her team.

The sole responsibility for the scheduling of games is with the Playing Operations Director, subject to the scrutiny of the Committee of Management. Games must not be re-scheduled for the convenience of a suspended player.

A player that receives a 'Game Misconduct' in the last half of the third period, or any overtime period of a game, is automatically suspended for the next game. The referee and team manager must notify the player of this.

A player that is reported as receiving a 'Match Penalty' or any other major offence above a 'Game Misconduct', will receive the automatic suspension time or a tribunal and automatic suspension time, as stipulated in the IHNSW Schedule of Offences and Automatic Suspensions.

A player and his/her club will be notified officially as to the suspension received. **It is then the responsibility of the player to notify the IHNSW Executive Officer when he/she has served his/her suspension time as outlined in the notification letter sent.**

Any player that receives five major penalties (ie. 5 minutes or longer) in a season, will be required to appear before the Tribunal Panel and will be ineligible to play in any further games until this takes place. This will be monitored by the Statistician.

If a player receives a suspension in his/her team's last scheduled game of the season, then the suspension may be served in any other grade's scheduled game in which he/she has played seven games or more in the current season. However, suspensions that cannot be served at the end of a season carry forward to the following season. Semi finals and finals are counted as part of the suspension period if applicable to the individual player.

Any member receiving a suspension that encompasses one or more seasons of play must be a registered member (any category), for the suspension time to be recognised.

THERE IS NO COURSE FOR AN APPEAL AGAINST A GAME MISCONDUCT

Players who receive a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty from the automatic suspensions list, at the end of the season, is able to serve their suspension at the beginning of the following season, permitting them to play in the IHNSW sanctioned Summer Leagues.

6.5 Penalties for Playing a Suspended, Illegal or Ineligible Player

An automatic fine totaling \$200.00 (No GST) will be levied to any Team playing any ineligible or suspended player. There will be an automatic forfeiture of any points and scoring statistics gained, deducted from every game an ineligible or suspended player participates in.

The offending player may be suspended for additional games, at the discretion of an IHNSW Tribunal Panel.

IHNSW notifies the club in writing and the fine is automatically payable by the club to IHNSW within 30 days of each offending game.

Failure to pay the fine on time may result in an additional penalty at the discretion of the Committee of Management.

A minimum winning score of 5 goals will be recorded for the non-offending team. The offending team will have a score of 0. All penalties for both teams will stand.

Any member found to have deliberately supplied incorrect registration particulars will be suspended immediately and an IHNSW Tribunal Panel will determine the duration of the suspension and any other appropriate penalty.

Coaches / managers who allow players to participate without valid registrations will be held responsible for an illegal players' fine of \$200.00 (No GST). The team will forfeit all points gained in any game the illegal player is determined as having played.

6.6 IHA & IHNSW Anti-Doping Policy

Consequent to IHA membership of the ASC, the AOC and the IIHF, IHNSW condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in the sport of Ice Hockey. The IHA Prohibitive Substance Policy applies to all of its members including players, officials, administrators, coaches, referees, office bearers and employees and lists a wide variety of banned substances that, following a positive test result, may result in a predetermined suspension or ban being imposed.

The list includes some medications that will not be tolerated under any circumstances whether essential to an individual's well-being or not and in which case, a physician should be advised and an alternative, permissible drug prescribed.

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA), is the national drug testing authority empowered to conduct random testing of athletes for the detection of prohibited substances. To ensure that its members conform to these requirements, IHA has implemented the following procedures, which must be strictly adhered to:

- At the time of registration, or at the time of prescribing medication after registration, a letter from the physician must be supplied to the club secretary detailing the drug/substance prescribed and the reasons for its prescription.
- The club secretary must retain a copy of such letters and send the original to the IHNSW office. The dates of receipt and forwarding should also be recorded.
- Upon receipt of notification, IHNSW will record the member's name in a register and forward copies of the notification to IHA, ASADA and the AOC. The original letter is to be kept by IHNSW and all pertinent dates recorded.
- The member will subsequently be advised of the dates of official notification was sent to IHA, ASADA and the AOC.

Although testing is normally aimed at athletes competing at national or international level, the IIHF and ASADA have implemented unannounced dope testing that can be administered anywhere, anytime. Cannabis can be detected in the blood stream 6 months later. Any medication must be supported by a current medical certificate.

7 - Special Game Rules Relating to Particular Grades

7.1 Special Rules for Mites (7 years old and under)

Mites will play the 3 on 3 cross ice format. 4 teams will play in a round robin in the allocated hour, 3 X 16 min games. Line changes will be made every 90 secs on the whistle. The minimum team size is 7, the maximum team size is 10. Clubs may share players to meet the minimum numbers. Mites will play with the blue pucks. Goals and goalies freezing the puck will result in the offensive team skating back to ½ way and the puck being played to the defensive corner. Each team will have a goalie, either a player dressed as goalie or in player gear for the duration of the game.

The main emphasis for this grade is "skills development" rather than "winning". The principal of 'equal opportunity' in respect to even ice time will apply in all games, regardless of skill level. This is enforceable through an application to the NSW Coaching Director, or NSW Development Officer on his sole recommendation, subject to the prior approval of the Committee of Management. As this is viewed as a critical element in the development and growth of our sport, a fine of \$100.00 (no GST) will be levied on any club for every game of non-compliance with an approved recommendation. No game results or statistics are recorded or published in the Mites grade.

There are no stoppages in Mites. Coaches are to educate players on the rules of fair play. The Referee can escort any player to the bench, remove them from the game, if they repeatedly play in a manner that would constitute penalties in any other grade. The coach may substitute the removed player so as not to be playing shorthanded.

Slap shots are prohibited in Mites, the other team will be awarded the puck. There are no off-side penalties in the cross-ice format. Further information [here](#)

Rules for Mites play up to Atoms 2020

- Players must have a valid play up form completed by the Atoms and Mites coaches.
- Mites are expected to play Mites as scheduled
- No permanent play ups into Atoms or Squirts

7.2 Special Rules for Atoms 9U (8 & 9 year olds)

Atoms will play the 3 on 3 cross ice format. 4 teams will play in a round robin in the allocated hour, 3 x 16 min games. Line changes will be made every 90 secs on the whistle. The minimum team size is 7, the maximum team size is 10. Clubs may share players to meet the minimum numbers. Atoms will play with the blue pucks. Goals will result in a face-off without delay. Each team will have a goalie, either a player dressed as goalie or in player gear for the duration of the game.

The main emphasis for this grade is "skills development" rather than "winning". The principal of 'equal opportunity' in respect to even ice time will apply in all games, regardless of skill level. This is enforceable through an application to the NSW Coaching Director, or NSW Development Officer on his sole recommendation, subject to the prior approval of the Committee of Management. As this is viewed as a critical element in the development and growth of our sport, a fine of \$100.00 (no GST) will be levied on any club for every game of non-compliance with an approved recommendation. No game results or statistics are recorded or published in the Atoms grade.

All minor penalties will result in a penalty shot including actions where a player intentionally uses his body to check another player, however:

- Accidental contact between two players going for the puck will not be penalised.
- "Riding off" an opponent is part of the skills of ice hockey and will be permitted, provided the opponent is not taken directly into the boards.
- Hip and shoulder checks will be penalised.

If the puck is played after the line change whistle a penalty shot will be awarded.

Slap shots are prohibited in Atoms. A penalty shot will be awarded to the defending team.

There are no off-side penalties in the cross ice format, all other penalties are enforceable.

Any player in this grade that receives more than two penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of that game.

Further information [here](#)

Rules for Atoms play up to Squirts 2020

- Players must upgrade to Squirt registration.
- Players must have a valid play up form completed by the Atoms and Squirts coaches.
- No permanent play ups into Squirts.

7.3 Special Rules for Squirts 11U

The main emphasis for this grade is intended to be on "skills development" rather than "winning". The principal of 'equal opportunity' in respect to even ice time will apply in all games, regardless of skill level. This is enforceable through an application to the NSW Coaching Director, or NSW Development Officer on his sole recommendation, subject to the prior approval of the Committee of Management. As this is viewed as a critical element in the development and growth of our sport, a fine of \$100.00 (no GST) will be levied on any club for every game of non-compliance with an approved recommendation.

Slap shots are prohibited in Squirts. A face-off will be taken in the defending zone of the offending player.

A minor penalty will be given to any player that intentionally uses his body to check another player, however:

- Accidental contact between two players going for the puck will not be penalised.
- "Riding off" an opponent is part of the skills of ice hockey and will be permitted, provided the opponent is not taken directly into the boards.
- Hip and shoulder checks will be penalised.

Any player in this grade that receives more than seven minutes in minor penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of that game. In applying this rule, only personal penalties are counted; ie: a two and ten penalty is counted as two.

The Squirts season will end with a round-robin tournament for all players registered in this grade. There will be no grand-final for this grade. No scores are recorded in Squirts.

No scores are permitted on the scoreboard. No game results or statistics are published in the Squirts grade.

7.4 Special Rules for Peewee 13U

Slap shots are permitted in Peewee grades.

A minor penalty will be given to any player that intentionally uses his body to check another player, however:

- Accidental contact between two players going for the puck will not be penalised.
- "Riding off" an opponent is part of the skills of ice hockey and will be permitted, provided the opponent is not taken directly into the boards.
- Hip and shoulder checks will be penalised.

Any player in this grade that receives more than seven minutes in minor penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of that game. In applying this rule, only personal penalties are counted; ie: a two and ten penalty is counted as two.

7.5 Special Rules for Bantams 15U

Any player in this grade that receives more than seven minutes in minor penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of that game. In applying this rule, only personal penalties are counted; ie: a two and ten penalty is counted as two.

For any player to be eligible to play in the Playoffs they must have completed the Lines Course requirement.

7.6 Special Rules for Midgets 18U

Any player in this grade that receives more than seven minutes in minor penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of that game. In applying this rule, only personal penalties are counted; ie: a two and ten penalty is counted as two.

For any player to be eligible to play in the Playoffs they must have completed the Lines Course requirement.

Midgets must use a full face cage and throat protection regardless of age.

7.7 Special Rules for East Coast Super League

Please refer to the ECSL Handbook.

7.8 Special Rules for Senior Divisions

Any suspensions, penalties or fines applied under "Special Rules for Senior Divisions" are not able to be appealed.

Any suspensions, penalties or fines applied under "Special Rules for Senior Divisions" are done so as an addition to any other IIHF, IHA or IHNSW suspensions, penalties or fines.

7.8.1 General Administration Rules

Senior Division has a “no deliberate body checking” rule. This will be enforced in accordance with **IIHF RULE 169 - ILLEGAL HIT (WOMEN)**.

A Promotion/Relegation model is standard procedure.

Promotion: A team finishing first in their respective division, based on regular season win/loss/tie points **(inclusive of lost competition points)**, moves up a single division

Relegation: A team finishing last in their respective division, based on regular season win/loss/tie points **(exclusive of lost competition points)**, moves down a single division

The promotion team has the option to decline promotion and in this instance, no promotion/relegation would take place between the division this team finished first in and the division above. The decision to decline promotion must be submitted in writing to IHNSW prior to 31 December of that year.

Any additional change(s) to the division structure following the promotion/relegation must achieve a majority vote of all team delegates (eg. 29 teams = 29 votes; therefore a minimum 15 votes would be required, regardless of delegate votes available)

Final division structures will be determined at the February Senior Committee Meeting at the start of each season.

Divisions comprising of ≤ 8 teams, the top four teams will proceed to the playoffs. Semi-finals being seed 1 v 4 and seed 2 v 3, with the winners to play in the Grand Final

Each series is a head-to-head, two game series where each game generates an independent win/loss/draw result. Following game two, if a winner is not determined (eg. each team has won once or both games ended in a draw), the following is applicable to determine the series winner.

- For the purposes of the series tie-breaker, the overtime period and shootout shall be an extension of game two with respect to penalties being served.
- The series tie-breaker shall commence with a five on five, twenty (20) minute ‘sudden death’ extra time period with the last five (5) minutes being ‘stop time.’
- If the score remains equal at the end of extra time, a best of three (3) penalty shootout will apply. If still equal after three shots per team, the shootout will continue until there is a result, after an equal number of shots.
- All players listed on the team sheet who are not serving penalties or injured at the end of the overtime period are to be used once in the sudden death shootout before a player can shoot a second time.

The location of each head-to-head game will be made using the below:

- Ice availability
- Officials availability
- IHNSW discretion (eg. all Grand Final game two being played at the same rink)
- Each team getting a home and away game
- Higher seed preference

Only players registered in the Senior category are eligible to play in the Senior competition (18 and older Womens grade registered players are exempt from this rule). An EDSL drafted player who accepts the position on an EDSL team, cannot be registered in Senior simultaneously.

All games have a maximum duration of 75 minutes and are played in three timed periods with 1-minute (minimum) intervals, as follows:

- First two periods: 20 minutes running time
- Third period: 15 minutes running time and up to 5 minutes of stop time (or the game limit of 75 minutes, whichever is first)

During running time, the time clock will only stop when the referee calls time-out

Players, goalies and officials must have attained eighteen (18) years of age in order to be considered eligible for participation in Senior division.

Senior division players are permitted to play a maximum of three (3) games **and only one (1) game prior to 1 May** in a full contact grade before becoming ineligible for Senior division.

Senior division goalies are permitted to play a maximum of five (5) games **and only two (2) games prior to 1 May** in a full contact grade before becoming ineligible for Senior division.

Players in a lower division may play into a higher division(s) of the Senior Competition no more than a total of five (5) games and within their own club only.

Goalies in a lower division may play into a higher division(s) of the Senior Competition no more than a total of five (5) games during the regular season; however, they are interchangeable between teams and clubs.

Players are not permitted to play for more than one team in the same Division.

Players and goalies in a higher division are not permitted to play into a lower division.

Players and goalies are permitted to transfer from a higher division into a lower division if they have played no more than a total of five (5) games in the higher division team. Players and goalies are permitted to transfer to a different team in the same division. This is a permanent move and only one transfer per player is permitted per season.

All Male players in Senior Divisions MUST wear a half or full cage/half or full visor when on the ice.

In Senior Divisions (effective 2020) all teams must have a dark and light set of jerseys. The Home team is to wear their dark jersey.

7.8.2 Officiating Rules

At the time of registration, each Senior division team must nominate a minimum of three (3) accredited referees from the active player roster for the team to be accepted. Each team's nominated officials must collectively officiate a minimum of fifteen (15) Senior, Women's or Junior's competition games each season in total.

No more than one (1) inactive referee (who has officiated less than two games in the previous season) may be nominated by a team.

Teams who do not comply with the previous rule will be subject to an automatic \$500 club fine.

In the event of a shortage of officials, teams will at the discretion of IHNSW, be allocated senior and /or women's game to officiate. If a team fails to provide officials for the games they have been allocated, that team will lose two (2) competition points.

Cancelled games in this Division will result in one (1) point per team. Games cancelled due to lack of Officials will not be rescheduled.

7.8.3 Penalty Minute Rules

Any player in this grade that receives more than seven (7) minutes in minor penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of the game.

Any player or bench official accruing three (3) Misconduct penalties under IIHF Rule 116 - ABUSE OF OFFICIALS or RULE 168 - UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT will receive an automatic two (2) game suspension; any further Misconduct penalties under IIHF Rule 116 - ABUSE OF OFFICIALS or RULE 168 - UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT will receive a further automatic two (2) game suspension.

Any player receiving a game misconduct penalty for Abuse of Officials will be ejected from that game and will be suspended from the subsequent game, regardless of the time of game the infraction occurred.

During the play-offs and finals any player or bench official assessed one (1) major penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the current game and the next game, any player or bench official assessed a further major penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the play-offs and finals.

During the play-offs and finals any player or bench official accumulating two (2) misconduct penalties will be suspended for the next game and any player or bench official accumulating a further misconduct penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the play-offs and finals.

Any player or bench official accruing a total of seventy-five (75) penalty minutes in one season (including play-offs and finals) will be suspended from the senior competition for the remainder of the season and their registration will be reviewed by the senior committee prior to the next season commencing. Any player or bench official excluded from participation in the play-offs and finals is ineligible to receive an IHNSW senior award.

Where suspensions cannot be served in the remainder of the current season, the suspension will be served in the following season.

Team Penalty Minutes Limits will be determined by the number of games in the regular season per division. Any team accruing Limit 1 in penalty minutes in the regular season will lose two (2) competition points. Any team accruing Limit 2 in penalty minutes in the regular season will lose a further four (4) competition points. Any team accruing Limit 3 in penalty minutes in the regular season cannot participate in the play-offs and finals and the team will be reviewed by IHNSW for acceptance into the competition the following season.

Number of games regular season	Limit 1	Limit 2	Limit 3
18	180	230	280
20	200	250	300
21	210	265	320
24	240	300	360
Penalty	minus 2 points	minus additional 4 points	playoff ineligible

7.9 Special Rules for Women's Grade

Any player in this grade that receives more than seven minutes in minor penalties in any one game will be excluded from the rest of that game. In applying this rule, only personal penalties are counted; ie: a two and ten penalty is counted as two.

It is compulsory for Women players to wear a full face mask. Only female players are permitted to play in the Women's Grade, this includes Goalkeepers.

Teams in the Women's grade must have a Goalkeeper to register the team.

When the regular Goalkeeper is unavailable, a team may borrow a Goalkeeper from any other team in the women's grade. Both teams must agree on the use of the replacement Goalkeeper.

7.10 Special Rules for Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers must wear approved helmets.

Players are not permitted to wear goalkeeper skates unless playing the position of goalkeeper. Goalkeepers are permitted to wear player skates in place of goalkeeper skates.

7.11 Special Rules for State Representative Teams

In order to be eligible to be selected to De Fris or Tange State Representative Teams, a player must meet the Lines Course requirement. This can be achieved in TWO ways:

1. Attending an Officials Course as per previous years OR
2. Completing the online Referee exam and achieving a pass mark of 70. Players do not need to attend a Lines course if they choose this option. Online exam can be completed at any point in the season, but must be done before they are eligible to tryout for State Teams or play in finals

State representative players are expected to actively contribute to state and club training development, with particular emphasis on new player intake programs.

State managers of De Fris and Tange teams must organise for the completion of a Sport and Recreation prohibitive substance course. This is an IHNSW requirement.

State Representative Team Managers must be up to date with the IHA Prohibitive Substance Policy, and will be required to sign a declaration to this effect and submit to IHA, prior to the National Championship they are attending. The Ginsberg State Teams are exempt from this ruling.

8 - Team Managers Administrative Responsibilities

8.1 Club Team Managers

Club team managers must:

- be fully conversant with this Handbook;
- abide by IHNSW "Code of Conduct";
- keep abreast of the draw and liaise weekly regarding any late changes;
- lodge completed team sheets 15 minutes before the start of the game (refer to Attachment Example Official Team Sheet);
- ensure all players have the correct uniforms & equipment;
- ensure that all players and bench officials are financial, free and clear of all suspensions and restrictions;
- check and sign the Game Report before the game;
- advise the relevant club president, secretary or IHNSW Executive Officer of anything untoward that is occurring within the sport;
- make sure of relevant statistics for both their players and games, so that ineligible players can be identified. Forms are available from the office for this; and
- be conversant with [IHA Prohibitive Substance Policy](#) (please refer to relevant sections and paragraphs for further details). Copies are available from the office.

It is the responsibility of the home team's manager (no matter at which venue the game is scheduled), to provide a game report sheet, a recorder (for completion of the game report sheet), time keeper and sufficient pucks for both teams' warm-up, plus sufficient new or near new pucks for the actual game.

Players should not share drink bottles to avoid contracting infectious diseases such as Meningococcal. Managers should advise their team of the necessity of hygienic practices.

8.2 State Team Managers

State team managers must:

- be fully conversant with this Handbook;
- abide by IHNSW "Code of Conduct";
- ensure all players have the correct uniforms & equipment;
- ensure that all players and bench officials are financial, free and clear of all suspensions and playing restrictions;
- advise the IHNSW Committee of Management or the Executive Officer of anything untoward that occurred during the tournament and any breach of the code of conduct;
- mandatory reporting of all incidents both on and off the ice to IHNSW; and
- be conversant with [IHA Prohibitive Substance Policy](#) (please refer to relevant sections and paragraphs for further details). Copies are available from the office.

State team managers are appointed by the Committee of Management and expressions of interest may be called for beforehand.

Prior to departure of a state team, managers must complete an itinerary of team activities for each day, that must be lodged with the IHNSW office.

Surplus monies collected from the team for tournament participation must be returned to IHNSW with documentation of re-distribution of the money to the teams' members.

State team uniforms are only available for sale to those players and officials selected.

Players should not share drink bottles to avoid contracting infectious diseases such as Meningococcal. Managers should advise their team of the necessity of hygienic practices.

8.3 Coaches

Coaches must:

- have a minimum Level 1 Coaching Accreditation with IHA
- sign the Coaches Code of Conduct.
- not be the manager of the same team.

9 - General Administrative Game Rules

9.1 Maximum Team

A maximum of twenty players and two goalkeepers may be dressed for a game, unless otherwise stated.

9.2 Non Sanctioned Games

IHA and IHNSW cannot take responsibility for our members participating in any non-sanctioned games/ leagues.

9.3 Scrimmages

An intra-club (internal) scrimmage during a club's normal training session does not require sanctioning to be covered under the insurance policy of the NSWIHA Inc. Any scrimmage involving players from other clubs must be sanctioned and requires official referees in order to be covered by insurance.

9.4 Lodgment of Team Sheets

The team manager is responsible for the lodgment of a properly completed Official Team Sheet, duly signed with the Score Keeper at least fifteen minutes before the start of the game. Players' numbers must be listed in numerical order. Refer Appendices for an example of a properly completed Team Sheet.

9.5 Players Uniform & Equipment

If the referee inadvertently allows a player to play whilst failing to meet the uniform & equipment rules (such as face & neck guards), the opposing team captain must advise the referee and the offending player must leave the ice until suitably attired. (See referee and uniform & equipment).

9.6 Stoppage of Play

The referee's whistle and not the sounding of the rink's buzzer will determine the stoppage of play during each period, but the rink's buzzer and not the referee's whistle will determine the end of each period and the end of the game.

9.7 Penalty Shots

In the case of a penalty shot, the time clock will be stopped until the penalty shot has been taken. The referee will inform both benches and the goal tender on the procedures for a penalty shot.

9.8 Alcohol Consumption

Alcohol is not permitted at any IHNSW sanctioned games outside of any designated, licensed area of a rink.

9.9 Medication

Any medication must be supported by a current medical certificate.

9.10 Top Shot

This equipment is available for hire from IHNSW with a refundable bond of \$500.

10 - Appendices

10.1 Attachment 1 - Instructions on how to fill in team and game report sheets

10.1.1 Official Team Sheet

See [10.2 Attachment 2 - Example Official Team Sheet](#)

This must be filled out and signed by the team manager/ coach.

- Players' name and initial are to be listed in numerical order. (ie: Jersey Number).
- Goaltenders are to be indicated
- Team captain to be indicated
- Alternate captains to be indicated
- Imports to be indicated

Only twenty (20) players and two (2) goaltenders may be listed for a total of twenty two (22) players. Only registered players, coaches, managers or team officials can be listed on the Team Sheet. Registration numbers must be shown.

The team manager/ coach is to sign the Team Sheet and submit it to the scorer at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time.

Team Sheets not following the correct format will not be accepted.

Late players not listed on the official Team Sheet will not be included once the game has commenced.

10.1.2 Game Report

See [10.4 Attachment 4 - Example Game Report Sheet](#) and [10.5 Attachment 5 - Blank Game Report Sheet](#).

This is filled out and completed by the scorer.

All games to be recorded on the official "Game Report" as supplied by IHA (obtainable from IHNSW).

All relevant sections to be filled out prior to the start of the game ie: state, venue, date, grade, round (game number as per schedule), team names, manager, coach, timekeeper and scorer, etc.

From the Team Sheet, players are to be listed numerically and clearly printed on the Game Report. The starting line-up, goaltender(s), captain, alternate captains, and imports are to be clearly indicated.

Only those players listed on the Game Report prior to the start of the game shall be eligible to play that game. Players not listed on the Game Report are ruled "ineligible".

Only those persons listed on the Game Report are eligible to occupy the players bench areas.

During the game the following information is filled on the Game Report by the scorer:

- Penalties: the number of the player, the description of the penalty, the duration of the penalty and the time of the penalty.

The penalty commences when the lines-person drops the puck to re-commence play. Scoring: the time of the goal, the number of the player scoring the goal (G) and the numbers of the player(s) - maximum of two credited with an assist.

- Shots on goal: record goaltenders number (for each period), and list shots on the goaltender, ie. Only those shots that would have been goals if the goaltender had not saved them.

Shots "wide" or "high", even though saved by the goaltender, are not included.

- Indicate any goaltender changes and time of change during the game. At the conclusion of the game, list "total penalty minutes", "total goals" and the game result.

Game Misconducts or Match Penalties are counted as twenty (20) minutes.

The scorer is to delete the players that did not play.

The scorer must have the Game Report checked and signed by the Referee.

VERY IMPORTANT

Only registered members (NPOS minimum) are permitted to be in the recording & timekeeping box, or on the bench, or on the game report sheet.

If non-members enter any un-screened areas of the rink and are injured, they are not insured.

Any member has the right to insist that non-members remain in the screened, spectator areas of the rink.

In the case of non-members refusing to comply with this, a member must ask a senior game official to stop the game until they do.

The referee or other game official is officially empowered to stop or continue a game. All registered IHNSW members are expected to respect the decisions of game officials at all times and to provide every assistance and support to the officials in carrying out their duties. Obstructing a referee's ruling will delay the game and may result in disciplinary action.