

Senior Competition Committee

Club Delegates Meeting

29 August 2011

Australia Lounge, National Hockey Centre

Meeting commenced 7:05pm

Agenda

1. Confirmation of minutes:
2. Actions arising:
3. Competition Issues:
4. General business
5. Next meeting

Attendees:

Kaz Ely, St Pats, M (SCC Chair)
Jack Grady, Valleys, W/M (SCC member)
John Abrams, Belconnen, M
Sally Deane, Second Timers, W
Jan Legg, Central, W/M
Jolanta Morgan, UCHC, W/M
Ian Gratton, QUHC, W/M
Gavan Mackenzie, ANU, M
Donna Joce, Daramalan, W
Julie Pope, Daramalan, W
Cheryle Lomas, St Pats, W
Ian McDermid, ANU, M (SCC member)

Nicole Wicks, Valleys, W
Joe Henstock, TVWHC, W (SCC member)
Toni Laidley, TVMHC, M
Amy Stewart, Wests, M/W
June Browning, OCHC, W (SCC member)
Aaron McLeod, OCHC, M
Michael Quinlivan, United, M/W
Alan Hill, Wests, M
Georgia Phillips, ANU, W
Karen Hardy, ANU, W
Sonya Scott, NCHC, W/M

Apologies

Kathy Mumberson, Hockey ACT
Peter Bullock, Hockey ACT
Brent Clark, SCC member

1. Confirmation of minutes

- a. The minutes of the meeting on 4 July 2011 were confirmed with no amendments.

Moved: Jack Grady

Seconded: Jan Legg

2. Actions arising

- a. Peter to advise Clubs as to how to make players inactive on SportingPulse – *completed*.
- b. Kaz to pass onto Development Coordinator the errors with the online umpire education system and to confirm the assessment process and requirements for both State and Club umpiring schemes - *completed*.
 - It was noted that information has been received that the online umpire education courses may cost (possibly \$40) from 2012. The Club Delegates agreed that this

will make it extremely difficult for clubs to force their members to undertake this course.

- c. Kaz to discuss with Manager Hockey ACT if consideration could be given if a commitment was missed due to a late draw change - *completed*.
- d. Kaz to ask the Facilities manager when the Powell clock would be repaired - *completed*.
- e. Kaz to ask the Facilities manager the issue of poor line marking at Chisholm grass fields and excess sand on the Kjar field - *completed*.
 - It was noted that the sand has not been removed and that the siren at the Kjar field is not working. As there are no senior finals scheduled for Kjar these issues will be noted for the 2012 season.
- f. Kaz to ask the Facilities manager whether now that the water restrictions have been lifted whether the Kjar field could now be watered again.
- g. Kaz to pass NCHC comments re TNC and WA1 umpires to Manager Hockey ACT for consideration in 2012.

3. Competition Issues

a. SportingPulse report:

- Steps report provided to Clubs. Noted that Sportingpulse use has continued quite well, however, the Registrars have noted that there are quite few discrepancies between match cards and team lists in Sportingpulse. Clubs were reminded that without team lists on match cards next year any checking after the game will not be possible. So, they were encouraged to make sure that the team lists in Sportingpulse are correct. The SCC noted that sometimes this will be to the:
 - detriment of the Club or players and it will be tough luck come finals time if players are eligible, and
 - benefit of the Club or players, however, stiff penalties will apply for any inaccuracies discovered.
- The SCC also noted that Clubs reporting possible inaccuracies will be the only way these discrepancies will be discovered.
- It was noted that Sportingpulse is not perfect, but it is the system we have and we have to make it work.

b. Umpiring:

- Missed umpiring reports provided to clubs. Noted that attendance for the womens completion has been good and Clubs were thanked for their efforts and urged to keep them up. The mens competition was not so good.
- Clubs were asked to check the reports and advise the Competitions Coordinator of any discrepancies ie games umpired but not credited or commitments incorrectly noted as being missed as soon as possible.

c. Finals Preparation:

- The Office Report was tabled and matters relating to the finals were noted:
 - **Finals team rego form** was due to the Competition Coordinator today. Noted that Valleys WA7 team list is outstanding due to a death in the family and will be submitted tomorrow. Nth Canberra is checking on whether their CL5 list has been submitted.

- Delegates were directed to the By-Laws regarding the conduct of the finals – see Attachment A. The Delegates were advised that:
 - Jack Grady (back up Kaz Ely) will be checking the mens cards in the Tournament Office (which is next to the HACT office and faces onto walkway between the building and Carter field);
 - Joe Henstock (back up June Browning) will be checking womens cards in the Carter field dug out; and
 - John Abrams (back up Ian McDermid) will be checking the mid-week and grass competition cards.
 - Jack, Joe and John will have the **approved team lists** and they are final. Players who are not on those team lists WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any finals match and if they do so they will be deemed an illegal player and the offending club will forfeit the game.
 - **Extra time:** in the event that the score is equal at the end of regular time, there will be a 5 min break, then 2 x 10 min periods of Golden Goal (the team who scores first wins the match). The teams will toss to see who starts with the ball and to determine the direction of play for extra time. They will change direction at the end of the first 10 min period but there will be no break.
 - For the semi and preliminary finals, if at the conclusion of the 2 x 10 min periods the score is still equal, the team that finished higher on the ladder will progress to the next final.
 - For the grand final, if at the conclusion of the 2 x 10 min periods the score is still equal, a penalty stroke competition will be held in accordance with the procedure set down in the Hockey Australia Operations Manual.
 - The **Green Card 2 min suspension rule** will continue to apply only to CL1 and WA1 games as will the **time-out** local rule i.e. there is not time out during matches except for CL1 and WA1 games and for serious injury (in which case the time the game stopped should be noted on the card and if there is time to finish the game it should be completed.)
 - It wasn't mentioned at the meeting, but all clubs should also remember that the standing rules regarding timekeepers and ball boys for CL1 and WA1 continue to apply.
 - Delegates were reminded that SCC members will be presenting premiership **trophies and medals** to the winning teams after each match.
 - Delegates were reminded of the need for appropriate **behaviour and conduct** of all players and support people as well as spectators during the finals.
- The **draft draws** for the semi-finals were provided to clubs.
- Gavan McKenzie requested a change to the mid-week umpiring as he may be playing in the game that he is rostered to umpire.
 - Michael Quinlivan also noted that as he is injured he will not be able to umpire the CL5 game he is rostered to umpire.
 - Joe Henstock advised that the women's umpires will be available Tuesday 30 August 2011.
 - Alan Hill requested a later time start for the mid-week competition as players will have difficulty getting to a 6:30pm time.

- Georgia Phillips requested a game time change for the WA5 competition to allow the two womens teams they have in the finals to play closer together.

4. General Business

- a. North Canberra asked for an indication of who should be attending Brophy/Mckay presentation night.
- b. Ian spoke about the location of the grass grade grand finals as neither Majura nor Chisholm are available. This means that Deakin (where the men have not played at all) and Willows (where the women have not played at all) are possible locations. Clubs with teams in the grass grade finals were asked to provide their preferences to the Competitions Coordinator ASAP from the 4 possibilities outlined:
 - 2 games at the same time at Deakin (one good field, one not so good field);
 - 2 games at alternate times at Deakin (both on the good field);
 - 2 games at alternate times at Willows (artificial surface); or
 - Women at Deakin (good field), Men at Willows.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Kaz to request the Facilities Manager to repair the siren and arrange the removal of excess sand from the Kjar for the 2012 season.
2. Clubs to check the missed umpiring reports and forward any discrepancies to the Competition Coordinator as soon as possible.
3. Clubs to ensure that they are familiar with the By-laws pertinent to participating in the finals matches.
4. Valleys and Nth Canberra to ensure that their outstanding finals team lists are submitted on Tuesday 30 August 2011.
5. Kaz to pass requests for changes to the draft semi-finals draw to the Competitions Coordinator.
6. Kaz to ask the General Manager to advise Clubs of players who should attend the Brophy/McKay presentation night.
7. Clubs with teams in the grass grade finals to provide their preferences from the 4 possibilities outlined for the location of the grand final matches to the Competitions Coordinator ASAP.

Meeting closed: 7:35pm

PART F –FINALS MATCHES

28. Finals matches

28.1. No deferments of finals matches will be allowed.

28.2. In the event of inclement weather or other unsuitable playing conditions, the team captains in consultation with the umpires will decide if play is possible (in accordance with Hockey ACT Policy). If a full game (including any periods of extra time) is not completed, the SCC will decide if the game should be suspended (game to resume with scores standing and same players), rescheduled (complete new game with fresh scores and any eligible players) or abandoned (no further play, scores at time of discontinuation of play apply).

28.3. Unless otherwise determined by the SCC for a grade or grades, finals matches shall be played for each grade as follows:

28.3.1. the team standing first on the list shall play the team standing second on the list in the major semi-final;

28.3.2. the team standing third on the points score list shall play the team standing fourth on the list in the minor semi-final;

28.3.3. the winner of the minor semi-final shall play the loser of the major semi-final in the preliminary final; and

28.3.4. the winner of the major semi-final shall play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final.

29. Team eligibility for finals

29.1. This By-law must be read in conjunction with the UTC By-laws.

29.2. A team may not participate in finals matches unless all monies owing to Hockey ACT by the Club have been paid at the completion of round matches (See Hockey ACT General By-laws).

32. Match cards for finals

32.1. The captain/ team manager of a team playing in a finals match must present the match card to a member of the SCC at least half an hour before the match is due to start for verification of player eligibility.

30. Player eligibility

30.1. A player may not play in finals matches unless he or she is eligible for finals matches in accordance with this By-law. Penalty shall be a forfeit.

30.2. A player is eligible for a team in a finals match if they:

30.2.1. were eligible to play in the last competition game for that team, (or any lower graded team of the same Club) barring suspension; and

30.2.2. have played in at least one third of the competition round games played by that team (or by any lower graded team of the same Club).

30.3. A player shall be deemed to have played games for which they were unavailable solely because of ACT or national representative or AIS scholarship commitments when determining the number of competition matches in which a player has played

- for a team. 30.4. No player shall be eligible for finals in more than one team in the same grade (including grades in the Men's Canberra Cup competition).
- 30.4. Notwithstanding the above, the SCC may in exceptional circumstance only and on application by a Club, deem a player eligible for a finals match notwithstanding that By-law 30.2 has not been met.
- 30.5. In exceptional circumstances the SCC may deem a player eligible to play finals matches for a lower graded team than they would ordinarily be eligible to play finals matches for.
- 30.6. At least seven days before the start of finals matches, Clubs must provide to the Registrar lists of players expected to play for each of the Club's finals qualifying teams.

31. Deciding finals matches

- 31.1. If the scores are equal at the completion of normal time in a finals match, then one or more periods of extra time shall be played as prescribed in the Hockey Australia Operations Manual.
- 31.2. The committee may determine to alter the prescribed duration of any period(s) of extra time to be played, however that determination shall apply to all finals matches in all grades.
- 31.3. If the scores are equal at the completion of any extra time periods in a semi or preliminary final match, then the team which was ranked higher at the end of the competition rounds shall be deemed the winner.
- 31.4. If the scores are equal at the completion of any extra time periods in a grand final match, then the winner shall be determined by a penalty stroke competition in accordance with the procedure set down in the Hockey Australia Operations Manual.
- 31.5. For the purposes of this By-law, the version of the applicable Hockey Australia Operations Manual shall be the one in effect at the time of the match.
- 31.6. The SCC shall be responsible for the interpretation of the relevant portions of the Hockey Australia Operations Manual for the operation of this By-law.