



2012 SENIOR COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Preamble

During November and December 2010, over 590 HACT members participated in an online survey, providing feedback on a range of competition issues. Based on the feedback provided, the HACT Competitions Committee, in consultation with member Clubs, proposed a senior competition restructure. The proposal was approved and will commence with the start of the next senior competition (March 2012).

The restructure will result in significant improvements to our current competitions (listed below) and ensures that Hockey in the ACT will not be left behind as other sports continue to evolve and change.

Summary of changes to the competition

- Grades will be renamed and fall under three 'tiers' of competition. New bylaws will also be developed to meet the specific needs of each tier. Below are the new competition grades:

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| <i>Elite</i> | <i>-Capital League -Capital League Reserves</i> |
| <i>Competitive</i> | <i>-State League 1 -State League 2 -State League 3 -State League 4, 5, 6 to be determined*</i> |
| <i>Social</i> | <i>-Canberra Cup – men (grass) -Canberra Cup – women (grass) -Canberra Cup (men's midweek)</i> |

- Each grade will consist of up to 10 teams, with the exception of Capital League, which will remain with 7 teams in the men and 8 in the women in 2012.
- Clubs will be 'invited' to nominate teams to enter the senior competition
- Clubs will be given the opportunity to present to HACT their goals and desires in terms of promoting and relegating teams through the grades.

*Hockey ACT has not yet decided names of our new competitions and would appreciate **suggestions from the Hockey community**.
If you have a suggestion please email Peter Bullock,
Hockey ACT Competitions Coordinator – competitions@hockeyact.org.au*

Benefits to the new competition structure

- Provides a stronger and more level competition for everyone
- Meaningful pathways and development opportunities within each of the competitions with more even and competitive matches
- Elite competition and feeder competition are clearly identified (Capital League) within the Hockey ACT and wider communities and promoted accordingly.
- Draws structured so teams within each grade play each other the same number of times, eliminating the potential for draws to be unintentionally biased towards or against particular teams
- Perceived inequities with regards to the draw are addressed (e.g. teams playing fewer games than others in a different grade).
- Clubs with a strong 'Club structure' and a focus on developing strategically will be supported under this structure, as they will have more opportunity to achieve their stated goals.

If you would like more information on the new competition structure please contact your Club President or senior delegate.ⁱ

*-Capital League, State League and Canberra Cup are suggested titles only and may change.
the number of State Leagues will depend on the number of teams that nominate to participate in 2012.