

9. JUNIORS

JUNIOR BYLAWS 2023 SEASON (revised 22/11/2022)

Junior competitions

Boys – U11, U13, U16

Girls - Division 2, Division 1

Except as otherwise stated below, conduct of junior competitions shall be consistent with the Rules of Play of Grafton Hockey Association Inc.

(a) Boy's junior competitions are defined as those involving players who are within the stated age groups as of 1st January each year.

(b) Competitions will be conducted on an age division basis in boys and school years in girls.

(c) Competitions may be conducted within under 11's, 13's, 16's for boys and the girls grades shall be for players in Years 5 through to Year 8.

(d) Players must only play for the team/club they are registered in. Players from the same club will only be allowed to play up one higher age division.

(f) Junior grade (Year 6) girls shall not be eligible to play in the women's competition. Year 6 girls wanting to play in the Div 1 competition will be required to play in the Div 2 competition to be eligible to play.

(g) Players are encouraged to play in their own age division before being accepted to play in a higher division.

(h) Exceptions to(c), (f) and (g) may be granted by the Junior Committee under exceptional circumstances and then only if a request is submitted in writing to the Junior Committee at least 14 days prior to the player wishing to compete. The Junior Committee will decide on exceptional circumstances.

(i)
Under 11s will play the Stick 2 Hockey format as mandated by HNSW. Minor local modifications can be made by the junior committee at the start of each season to suit the local competition.

(j)

In the Junior Girls Division1 & 2 and also boys U11, U13 and U16, a player Cannot substitute between teams in the same age division. Players must be drawn from the age group below.

(k) Where a club has two teams entered in an age division, clubs should try to have those two teams of equal ability, containing an equal spread of

representative players, based on the previous year's representative squads.

After the first 5 weeks clubs will be asked by the Junior Committee members to rearrange teams if it has become obvious that the by-law has not been followed.

(l) When a club has two teams entered in Division 2 Girls or U11s boys, clubs will need to nominate their top 5 players. These named players will NOT be able to substitute between teams and can only play for their registered team. This requirement will commence in week 4 of the season.

(k)

Coaches are permitted on the field to assist teams in the u11s Competition for the first cycle of the draw. Coaches are then only permitted on the sidelines for the remainder of the u11s season.

Coaches are not permitted on the field at any time to assist in the division 1, Division 2, U13 or u16 competition.

(m) If any team breaches these competition by-laws they shall forfeit all matches fielding an ineligible player. The opposing team will be awarded a 2-0 win or the result of the match, whichever is more favourable. 37

(n) Substitute players wishing to compete in the Under 16's competition, must be drawn from the u13's age group, taking special account to the skills of the player and their ability to compete in this age group. If a Club wishes to utilise a younger player, they must have parent/legal guardian consent by completing an Acceptance of Risk form and return to the team manager. This form must be lodged with GHA Administration.

(o) The 'Tomahawk' shot is NOT permitted in the Division 1 and 2 and u13's Competition and younger. (flat stick pass on the ground is permitted in all grades)

Point Score:

3 points for a win

2 points for a draw or washed out games

1 point for a loss

0 points each for a bye,

Forfeiting teams – 0 points shall be awarded.

Teams forfeited to - 3 points shall be awarded (a 2-0 goal win shall be awarded)

(p) Semi-Finals and Finals:

Division 1, Division 2, , U11, U13 and U16:

(i) The top 4 ranked teams in each of these grades shall contest the semi finals

- Major Semi- Final 1 v 2
- Minor Semi Final 3 v 4

In the event of teams being on equal points at the completion of the competition, positions shall be decided by goals scored minus goals against, and in the event of those being equal, by the team with the most goals scored.

(ii) Matches shall be consistent with the game times played throughout the regular season.

(iii) In Unders 11s, in the event of a draw at full time, 5 minutes extra time 'golden goal' will be played (one way). If a draw remains at the end of extra time, the winning team will be declared to the team who finished highest on the competition ladder at the end of the regular season.

(iv) In Division 1 & 2 and Under 13s, in the event of a draw at full time 5 minutes **each way** extra time 'golden goal' will be played. If a draw remains at the end of extra time, the winning team will be declared to the team who finished highest on the competition ladder at the end of the regular season.

(v) In Under 16s, in the event of a draw at full time, 5 minutes extra time will be played 'golden goal' (one way). If scores are still tied, then a 2 player drop off will apply for a further 5 minutes 'golden goal'. If a draw remains a penalty shoot out will take place to decide the winner.

(vi) Eligibility for players in semi-final series: Players must have played for their respective Club in a minimum of five(5) competition games in the junior competition, prior to the commencement of the semi-final series.

(q) Grand Final:

In Division 1 & 2, Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 16s matches shall be consistent with the game times played throughout the regular season.

In Under 11s, in the event of a draw at full time, 5 minutes extra time 'golden goal' will be played (one way). If a draw remains at the end of extra time then teams will be declared Joint Major Premiers.

In Under 13s, Div 2 & Div 1, in the event of a draw at full time, 5 minutes each way extra time 'golden goal' will be played. If a draw remains at the end of extra time then teams will be declared Joint Major Premiers.

In Under 16s, in the event of a draw at full time, 5 minutes extra time will be played 'golden goal' (one way). If scores are still tied, then a 2 player drop off will apply for a further 5 minutes 'golden goal' (one way). If a draw remains a penalty shoot out will take place to decide the winner.

(r) Penalty Shoot Out Rules

The shoot out will be determined on the result of a set of 5 penalty plays per team, played alternately.

Each team shall nominate five players to participate in the first set of five penalty plays.

Only players who have been on the field of play may participate in the shootout.

This excludes any player who is temporarily suspended at the completion of the game.

If a second set of penalty shoot outs is required to determine a winner, it shall be sudden death. Teams may change players subject to Clause (v).

The attacker shall stand close to the 23 Metre line in the centre of the field with the ball on the line.

The opposition goalkeeper shall stand on or behind the goal line. When the umpire is satisfied both players are ready they shall commence the shoot out by blowing their whistle.

The goalkeeper may not move until the attacker has played the ball.

The attacker has 15 seconds in which to score (the ball must pass fully over the goal line between the goal posts).

The 15 seconds shall be independently timed by the technical delegate officiating for the game.

Once the attacker has played the ball into the circle it cannot be taken outside again.

A breach by the goalkeeper, unintentional or intentional, will result in a penalty goal being awarded.

The attempt is concluded:

1. When a goal is scored.
2. A penalty goal is awarded.
3. The ball has passed outside the circle or over the back line (no matter who hit it out).
4. There has been a breach by the attacker, which includes starting before the whistle is blown, or
5. Time has expired.