

# TAMWORTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## Officiating Policy



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## 1 Definitions

In this Officiating Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

Adult	means players who are 18 years of age or older as at 1 January of the current year
Board	means the Board of Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated
Convenor	means the Chairperson of the Committee
Committee	means the Officiating Committee
Company or Organisation or THAI	means Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated
Constitution	means the Constitution of Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated
Draw	means a schedule of fixtures between Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated
Junior	means players who will not turn 18 years of age on or after 1 January of the current year and play within Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated junior competition
Junior Competition	means the hockey competition held between either male or female junior players
Masters Competition	means the hockey competition held between either male or female adults eligible for Masters; ie player who are 34 years of age or older as at 1 January of the current year
Meeting	means a meeting of the Committee
Member	means a member of the Committee
Mixed Competition	means a competition held between both male and female players
Official	means Umpire and/or Technical Official
President	means the President of THAI Board
Secretary	means the person appointed by the Committee, which may vary from time to time
Senior Competition	means the hockey competition held between either male or female adult players

The singular imports the plural and vice versa; and other terms defined in the Constitution have the same meaning in this Charter.

## **2 Purpose**

This Officiating Policy determines the rules and conditions for all clubs, umpires and officials administered by Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated.

These officiating rules are administered by the Officiating Committee appointed and empowered by the Board of Tamworth Hockey Association.

The Officiating Committee may amend these rules as and when required, subject to the final approval of the Board of Tamworth Hockey Association Inc.

These rules have effect from the date nominated by the Board in this document until otherwise notified by the Board.

## **3 Governance**

### **3.1 Responsibilities**

The following competitions are governed by these officiating rules:

- a) the senior competitions (including Masters)
- b) the junior competitions
- c) mixed competitions
- d) special events as required

## **4 Umpire Nominations**

### **4.1 Minimum requirements:**

- a) Senior competition
  - i) all senior clubs must provide a minimum of two (2) umpires for every team entered in the current year's competition
  - ii) an umpire cannot be named for more than one team in the senior competition
- b) Junior competition
  - i) clubs with teams entered into the junior competition shall provide a minimum of three (3) junior umpires per club
- c) all nominations are to be delivered to the THAI Secretary and the Officiating Committee
- d) nominations for all competitions shall close on the date as approved by the THAI Board, where possible

## **4.2 Failure to meet minimum requirements**

Failure of clubs to meet the minimum requirements of nominated umpires, by nomination due date, will result in a \$50 fine per week, for every 2 umpires, or part thereof, that the club is short until the minimum requirements are met.

Fines to be paid into THAI bank account as advised to the clubs by Officiating Committee

## **5 Appointment of umpires**

The Officiating Committee shall be responsible for the consideration and appointment of all umpires for all matches at accredited levels.

Where individual umpires cannot be named, clubs will be appointed and responsible for supplying an umpire.

Umpiring appointments will be released each week throughout the regular season.

Umpires are responsible for notifying the Officiating Committee of their inability to fulfill appointment/s by no later than 48hrs prior to the appointment. After this time, it is responsibility of the umpire and their club to find a suitable replacement and notify the Officiating Convenor of changes.

### **5.1 Non-appointment of an umpire**

The Officiating Committee may, with due diligence, decline an umpiring nomination/appointment at their discretion.

### **5.2 Penalties for Failing to Umpire**

When a Club has been directed by the Officiating Committee or its representative to provide an umpire for a senior or masters game and fails to do so then the following fines/penalties shall apply:

- a) first offence for a Club will incur a written warning to the Club the Umpire is nominated by
- b) second offence for a Club will incur a \$50 fine to the Club the Umpire is nominated by
- c) third offence for a Club will incur a \$100 fine to the Club the Umpire is nominated by
- d) thereafter, every offence for a Club will incur a loss of two (2) competition points for every team (excluding Masters and junior teams/competitions) of the Club the Umpire is nominated by.

NB - If a club has fulfilled more than their required umpire allocation for that round (ie one umpiring duty per team nominated) then penalties through any missed appointments will be considered by Officiating Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Junior Umpiring defaults will be dealt with on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Officiating Committee eg future non-appointments, communications between Officiating Committee and respective club involved and/or the parent or guardian of the umpire.

## **6 Officiating payments**

Payments for officiating shall be made into the designated bank account of each official by THAI.

Should banking details not be provided by the conclusion of season, payments will be forfeited.

Payment frequency will be set by the Officiating Committee at the commencement of each season

## **7 Duties of technical officials**

Duties of the technical officials are as follows:

- a) collect and check match cards or electronic game system (whichever is in use for the game) ensuring it is completed by the captain or team official of each team prior to commencement of the game
- b) must ensure the match card, or electronic game management system, is correctly completed with the following details:
  - i) team list showing full registered names of all players taking the field
  - ii) the captain and GK clearly marked
  - iii) goals scored and marked against the goal scorer's name
  - iv) signed by captains and umpires
  - v) any injuries noted
  - vi) any umpire notes including any cards and/or other code of conduct issues.

All players in both teams must be correctly dressed in the registered team uniform. For a breach of this rule a player may be prevented by the umpire or technical official from taking the field or be asked to leave the field.

The team listed first on the draw for each match is responsible for providing a Technical Official unless otherwise advised, failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine.

## **8 Breaches of THAI Code of Conduct**

Alleged breaches of THAI Code of Conduct are to be conveyed to the Officiating committee in writing, in conjunction with the respective THAI committee for action as appropriate. This can include comments on the team cards or electronic game management system by umpires, captains, or technical officials.



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## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. By nominating a team in any competition run by the Tamworth Hockey Association Inc. a club accepts that it agrees to uphold this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct applies to players, officials, and spectators.
  
2. The individual clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials and supporters and should encourage them to participate within the framework of the Code.
  
3. The following behaviour is unacceptable:
  - Violence, threats, or intimidation.
  - Umpire Abuse.
  - Swearing or abusive language.
  - Sledging or incitement to unacceptable behaviour.
  - Malicious misrepresentation of facts.
  
4. The following behaviour is to be encouraged:
  - Strong competition played within the rules and spirit of the game.
  - Active participation in the running of the sport in Tamworth.
  - ie coaching, administration, fundraising.
  - A spirit conducive to families and younger players.
  - Fostering the development of our younger players to play to their highest potential.

5. All players are responsible for wearing correctly fitted shin guards and a mouthguard at all times whilst on any Hockey Field.
  
6. The primary responsibility for the upholding of the Code rests with the Clubs. However, any incident or matter of concern within Tamworth Hockey may be brought directly to the attention of the Board of Directors of Tamworth Hockey Association for further action.