



Tamworth Hockey Association Inc.

# Men's Standing Committee

## Policies

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		<i>Reference</i>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Authority to Act</b>	
	<p>The Men's Standing Committee has the authority to administer and manage all domestic and representative hockey for men players using powers delegated to it as a Standing Committee of the Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated.</p> <p>This Policy document rescinds all previous administrative regulations of the Men's Standing Committee.</p> <p>Competitions are to be conducted in accordance with provisions set down in the Tamworth Hockey Association Constitution, Competition Bylaws and these annual Policies.</p>	<p><i>Constitution Clause 20-1) &amp; 22-8)a</i></p> <p><i>Constitution - Clause 25.2) &amp; 22.4)i</i></p>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Composition</b>	
<b>1.2.1</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	
	<p>The Convenor shall be elected by the General Committee of the Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated in accordance with the constitution, and shall be responsible after the annual general meeting of the Association to convene a planning meeting for the following year.</p>	<i>Constitution - Clause 22.4).i</i>
<b>1.2.1.1</b>	<b>Annual Planning Meeting</b>	
	<p>The Planning Meeting must be convened within January or February each year and the date of the meeting shall be advertised for a period of not less than 14 days.</p>	<i>Constitution - Clause 22.4).ii &amp; 22.4)iii</i>
<b>1.2.2</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	
	<p>One delegate per two teams or part thereof registered for the major competition with the Standing Committee (in the previous year) shall be entitled to attend the meeting, and shall have voting rights.</p>	<i>Constitution - Clause 22.5)</i>
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	
	<p>A quorum shall be Seven (7) members who are entitled to vote.</p>	
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Changes to Policies</b>	
	<p>Policies may only be changed at the Planning Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the Standing Committee if agreed by 75 % of those present and entitled to vote.</p>	

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<b>1.5</b>	<b>Office Bearers</b>	
	<p>At the Planning Meeting of the Standing Committee the delegates shall elect the following office bearers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Secretary</li> <li>• Assistant Secretary/Match Convenor</li> <li>• Representative Team Coordinator</li> </ul>	<i>Added July 2017</i>
<b>1.5.1</b>	<b>Election of Office Bearers</b>	
	<p>Nominations for Office Bearers will be advertised for a period of not less than 14 days prior to the Planning Meeting of the Standing Committee and should be submitted, in writing, to the Convenor.</p> <p>In the event that no written nominations are received nominations from those present at the meeting shall be accepted.</p>	
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	
	<p>Meetings of the Standing Committee shall be held each month between 1 February and 31 October each year. Additional meetings may be held as the Committee may decide.</p>	
<b>1.7</b>	<b>Special Meetings</b>	
	<p>A special meeting of the Standing Committee may be called at the discretion of the Convenor or on a requisition signed by 5 delegates to the Standing Committee.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>TEAM NOMINATIONS</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Minimum number in teams</b>	
	<p>The Association shall not accept from any club the nomination of teams of less than 12 members.</p>	<i>By Laws 1.1</i>
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Names and colours</b>	
	<p>The Management Committee shall approve all club and team names and colours which are to be submitted with nominations.</p>	<i>By Laws 1.2</i>
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Closing Dates for Nominations</b>	
	<p>Nominations for competitions shall close on the date stipulated by the Men's Standing Committee. Such nominations are to be delivered or posted to the Secretary.</p>	<i>By Laws 2.1</i>

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<b>2.4</b>	<b>Rejecting a nomination</b>	
	The Standing Committee may accept or reject the nomination of any team.	<i>By Laws 2.2</i>
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Single Team Clubs</b>	
	The Standing Committee will accept single team Clubs in the Masters competition only.	<i>Resolved 06/03/2000</i>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>COMPETITIONS</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Grading Lists</b>	
	All players are required to have paid their Hockey NSW registration fee and their name to be listed within the Tamworth Hockey Association <b>RevolutioniseSport</b> member listing or with another Hockey Association prior to taking the field. If a player has not paid their Hockey NSW fee they will be considered nonfinancial and uninsured. Club Secretaries are to supply a grading list to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary prior to the fourth competition match.	<i>Revised 04/09/2018</i>
	<i>Penalty: Failure for players to be registered with Hockey NSW prior to taking the field will result in a loss of competition points as per Clause 3.5.9 for the game in which the unregistered player took part.  Failure for Club Secretaries to provide a grading list by the agreed date will result in a loss of competition points as per Clause 3.5.9 for all teams within the Club from the fourth competition match until the grading lists are provided.</i>	<i>Revised 04/09/2018</i>
<b>3.1.1</b>	<b>Grading Lists</b>	
	Players will be graded from highest to lowest, with the first 11 registered in First grade, the next 11 registered in second grade, and so on. A player will only appear in a Clubs grading list once and a designated goalkeeper shall be named for all grades.  Players whom the Club proposes to use as umpires shall also be indicated in accordance with Clause 6.0  No player shall appear in more than One (1) Club's grading list except in accordance with Clause 3.5.3.2.3	

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<b>3.1.1.1</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	
	<p>Any amendments to a Clubs Grading List, including the addition of new players, must be provided to the Secretary, or Assistant Secretary and approved if necessary, at least 3 days prior to the first competition game which relates to the amendment.</p> <p>Any new player must have paid their Hockey NSW registration fee and name be listed either within the Tamworth Hockey Association RevolutioniseSport member listing or with another registered Hockey Association prior to taking the field. Individual Clubs must complete their due diligence on any new player registration status before a player takes the field.</p>	<i>Revised 04/09/2018</i>
	<p><i>Penalty:</i> <i>If an amended grading list is not supplied or player registration with Hockey NSW is not confirmed prior to the player(s) in question moved or added to the grading list taking the field in accordance with this clause then the Club will be in breach until the necessary documents have been supplied and Clause 3.5.9 shall apply.</i></p>	<i>Revised 04/09/2018</i>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Dates and fixtures of all matches</b>	
	The Standing Committee shall arrange dates and fixtures of all matches whatsoever arising during the competition.	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Clubs Failing to pay moneys</b>	
	In the event of a club failing to pay monies owing by the date set by the Management Committee (i.e. either the Men's Committee or the Incorporated Body), the club shall be deemed forthwith to be unfinancial. The Treasurer shall give to such unfinancial club notice in writing by certified mail addressed to the Secretary of the club at his last registered address. Should outstanding monies not be paid to the Treasurer within seven (7) days of the posting of such notice the unfinancial club shall not score points in any games played by it until the outstanding monies are paid.	<i>By Laws 1.3</i>
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Age of players</b>	
	The age of any player will be taken as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January of that year.	<i>By Laws 3.0</i>

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<b>3.5</b>	<b>Competition Matches</b>	
<b>3.5.1</b>	<b>Deferment of Matches</b>	
	<p>Matches shall be played on the day and at the time appointed. While deferment of matches is to be discouraged forfeits are equally undesirable and expectation is that they will be avoided.</p> <p>Preference is for a deferred match to be played within 2 weeks of the original scheduled date, however, in order to assist in ensuring that the match is able to be played and a forfeit avoided, then permission may be obtained from the Standing Committee to agree to an alternate time. Any request to defer a match submitted to the Standing Committee must include a commitment from both sides involved to play on a designated date and time. This time and date must be prior to the commencement of the finals. In the event the deferred match is approved no further deferment will be considered. Should the match not be played at the agreed date and time then the standard forfeit rules will apply.</p> <p>If one team wishes to defer a match but the two sides involved cannot agree on a rescheduled date, and the match is not played as set down in the competition draw the team requesting the deferment will forfeit the match.</p>	<i>Revised 04/09/2018</i>
	<i>Penalty: If the event of a forfeit Clause 3.5.6 and 3.5.6.1 will apply.</i>	<i>Revised 04/09/2018</i>
<b>3.5.2</b>	<b>Deferment due to representative duties</b>	
	<p>A team with 3 or more players away representing Tamworth at State or National level may defer a match, subject to the agreement of the opposing teams Coach/Captain, and Clause 3.5.1.</p> <p>Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.</p>	



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<b>3.5.3</b>	<b>Eligibility to play</b>	
<b>3.5.3.1</b>	<b>Games per round</b>	
	<p>If a player plays only one game during a weekend he is eligible to play for any grade. Where a player plays Two (2) games during a weekend no game may be played in a grade lower than the one in which he is graded with the exception of 3.5.3.2.</p> <p>No player may play more than two games during a weekend. Deferred matches will relate to the weekend they were originally scheduled and the two match rule applies.</p> <p>Players in 1<sup>st</sup> grade should be discouraged from playing in a grade less than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (with the exception of Masters).</p>	<p><i>By Laws 4.2.1 Resolved 27/06/2011</i></p>
	<p><i>Penalty: If a player plays more than 2 games during a weekend then the player will be considered unregistered for the third and subsequent matches played and Clause 3.5.9 shall apply for the third and subsequent matches played by the player in that round. Matches will be counted in date and time order.</i></p>	
<b>3.5.3.2</b>	<b>Play in a lower grade</b>	
	<p>A player may play Two (2) matches in the same weekend with one being in a lower grade, only in the following circumstances;</p>	<p><i>Resolved 27/06/2011</i></p>
<b>3.5.3.2.1</b>	<b>Goalkeepers</b>	
	<p>A player registered as goalkeeper and playing a game as a goalkeeper, with the required protective equipment may also play as a field player in any grade.</p>	<p><i>Revised 11/02/2019</i></p>
<b>3.5.3.2.2</b>	<b>Field players</b>	
	<p>A player registered as a field player may also play as goalkeeper in any other grade, provided that he wears the required goalkeeper protective equipment and plays in the normal goalkeeping position.</p>	

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<b>3.5.3.2.3</b>	<b>Masters</b>	
	<p>A player must be at least 35 years of age to be eligible to play in the Masters competition. If a player is younger than 35 but wishes to play Masters only, the Club may apply to the committee for permission for that person to play Masters only and not in any other grade.</p> <p>Players eligible to play Masters and playing for a Club which fields a Masters side may play for one other Club in any other grade.</p> <p>Players eligible to play Masters may be graded in any grade with Clauses 3.5.3.1, 3.5.3.2, 3.5.3.2.1, and 3.5.3.2.2 applying.</p>	<p><i>Resolved</i> 27/03/2011</p> <p><i>Resolved</i> 27/06/2011</p>
	<p><i>Penalty: Clause 3.5.9 shall apply in the event of any player playing in Masters in breach of this clause.</i></p>	
<b>3.5.4</b>	<b>Returning Representative Players</b>	
	<p>A current member of a Tamworth representative team living and playing in another Association's competition will be permitted to play in local competition matches during the same season provided that;</p> <p>He plays with the Club with which he was last registered when playing in the Tamworth competition.</p> <p>The Club has included him on its current grading list.</p> <p>He does not play in any of the Finals matches, subject to 4.2.4</p> <p>The Club have confirmed that he has paid his Hockey NSW registration fee with another registered Hockey Association prior to taking the field. The onus is on the individual Clubs to complete their due diligence on new player registration status.</p>	<p><i>By Laws 4.2.3.1</i></p> <p><i>Revised</i> 04/09/2018</p>
	<p><i>Penalty: If an amended grading list is not supplied or player registration with Hockey NSW is not confirmed prior to the player(s) in question taking the field in accordance with 3.1.1 then any match played by the representative players will be considered to be as unregistered until the necessary documents have been received and Clause 3.5.9 shall apply.</i></p>	

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<b>3.5.5</b>	<b>Visiting Players</b>	
	<p>A visiting player who does not meet the eligibility rule in Clause 3.5.4 will be permitted to play in local competition matches if;</p> <p>The particular club has applied to and been granted permission, by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Such permission to be granted prior to the first competition game played by the visiting player.</p> <p>An amended Grading List is to be provided in accordance with Clause 3.1.1.</p> <p>The Club have confirmed that he has paid his Hockey NSW registration fee with another registered Hockey Association prior to taking the field. The onus is on the individual Clubs to complete their due diligence on new player registration status.</p>	<p><i>By Laws 4.2.3.3</i></p> <p><i>Revised 04/09/2018</i></p>
	<p><i>Penalty: If an amended grading list is not supplied or player registration with Hockey NSW is not confirmed prior to the player(s) in question taking the field in accordance with 3.1.1.1 then any match played by the visiting players will be considered to be as unregistered until the necessary documents have been received and Clause 3.5.9 shall apply.</i></p>	<p><i>Revised 04/09/2018</i></p>
<b>3.5.6</b>	<b>Forfeits</b>	
	<p>A team with less than (7) players will forfeit that game.</p> <p>A team not ready to commence play within ten (10) minutes of the appointed time will forfeit that game.</p>	<p><i>By Laws 4.3</i></p> <p><i>By Laws 4.4</i></p>
	<p><i>Penalty: In the event of a team forfeiting a game competition points will be awarded to the opposing team together with three (3) goals.</i></p>	
<b>3.5.6.1</b>	<b>Notification of forfeits</b>	
	<p>A team intending to forfeit a match shall give forty-eight (48) hours notice to their opponents and also to the secretary of the respective Standing Committee.</p>	<p><i>By Laws 7</i></p>
	<p><i>Penalty: Failure to comply with this rule will make a team liable for match expenses of both teams.</i></p>	

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<b>3.5.7</b>	<b>Maximum number of players</b>	
	A team may use a maximum of sixteen (16) players during any one game provided that no more than eleven (11) players are on the field at the one time. Replacement of players is to be under the control of the umpires or the ground manager subject to any conditions laid down by the Standing Committee.	<i>By Laws 4.5</i>
	<i>Penalty: If a team plays more than 16 players that team will be considered to have played an unregistered player/s and Clause 3.5.9 shall apply.</i>	
<b>3.5.8</b>	<b>Two or more teams from the same Club in one grade</b>	
	Two teams from the same club will only be accepted in the same grade if that Club has teams in all other grades.  Where a Club has more than one team in any grade, six (6) players must only play for one team in the grade in each round. Players must not play in a team in a lower grade in accordance with 3.5.3.2 or more than two games in one round in accordance with 3.5.3.1	<i>Core players clause removed Feb 2016</i>
	<i>Penalty: In the event more than 6 players of one team play for the other side from the same Club, in the same grade, the player will be considered unregistered for team in which the second match is played and that team will be penalised in accordance with Clause 3.5.9.</i>	<i>Core players clause removed Feb 2016</i>
<b>3.5.9</b>	<b>Penalties</b>	
	Breaches of 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 3.5.5 and 3.5.7 and other nominated clauses will result in the following.  Points for the match being awarded to the opposing team who shall be credited with the greater of the goals scored in the game (if played) or three (3) goals.	<i>By Laws 4.2</i>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>PREMIERSHIP TABLES AND POINTS</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Competition Points</b>	
	Competition points in all grades shall be counted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a win shall count as two (2) points</li> <li>• a draw shall count as (1) point</li> <li>• a forfeit shall count as two (2) points – with 3 nil scoreline.</li> </ul>	<i>By Laws 5.1</i>

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<b>4.2</b>	<b>Finals</b>	
<b>4.2.1</b>	<b>Greater than 4 teams in a competition</b>	
	<p>The leading four (4) teams at the completion of the qualifying matches shall contest the semi-finals in each grade. Where two or more teams have an equal number of points their relative positions on the table shall be decided on goal difference which is calculated by subtracting the goals scored “against” from the goals scored “for” for a team (The team with the higher goal difference shall take the higher position). Should goal difference be the same then the team with the most goals for will take the higher position.</p> <p>If a finals match results in a draw, ten (10) minutes each way extra time is to be played <b>with player drop-off to 9 players per team and no golden goal</b>. If no decision is reached then, a further five (5) minutes each way will be played <b>with player drop-off to 7 players per team and no golden goal</b>. If there is still no decision, the team which finished higher on the points table shall be declared the winner.</p> <p>The order in which the semi-finals shall be contested shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team first on the points table (the minor premiers) shall play the team placed second in the major semi-final;</li> <li>• The team placed third shall play the team placed fourth in the minor semi-final.</li> <li>• The loser of the major semi-final shall play the winner of the minor semi-final in the final.</li> <li>• The winner of the major semi-final shall play the winner of the final in the grand final. The winner of the grand final will be the major premiers.</li> </ul>	<p><i>By Laws 5.2</i></p> <p><i>By Laws 5.3</i></p> <p><i>Amended special meeting 2016</i></p>
<b>4.2.2</b>	<b>4 Teams in a competition</b>	
	<p>The leading Three (3) teams at the completion of the qualifying matches shall contest the semi-finals in each grade. Where two or more teams have an equal number of points their relative positions on the table shall be decided on goal difference which is calculated by subtracting the goals scored “against” from the goals scored “for” for team. The team with the higher goal difference shall take the higher position. Should goal difference be the same then the team with the most goals for will take the higher position.</p> <p>If a finals match results in a draw, ten (10) minutes each way extra time is to be played <b>with player drop-off to 9 players per team and no golden goal</b>. If no decision is reached then, a further five (5) minutes each way will be played <b>with player drop-off to 7 players per team and no golden goal</b>. If there is still no decision, the team which finished higher on the points table shall be declared the winner.</p> <p>The order in which the semi-finals shall be contested shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team first on the points table (the minor premiers) shall advance to the grand final.</li> </ul>	<p><i>By Laws 5.2</i></p> <p><i>By Laws 5.3</i></p> <p><i>Amended special meeting 2016</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team placed second and the team placed third shall play in the major semi-final.</li> <li>• The winner of the major semi-final shall play the minor premiers in the grand final. The winner of the grand final will be the major premiers.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.2.3</b>	<b>Changes to finals</b>	
	The Management Committee shall have the power to introduce additional conditions governing finals if necessary.	<i>By Laws 5.3</i>
<b>4.2.4</b>	<b>Player eligibility for the finals</b>	
	<p>To be eligible for finals a player must have played at least seven (7) competition rounds with his club during that season. In the case of a player playing for a one-team club in Masters and for one other club in any other grade he must have played at least seven (7) competition rounds for each Club.</p> <p>Players are only eligible for the grade in which they are graded, with the exception of Masters who are eligible for Masters and the grade in which they are graded, unless approval has been granted by the respective Grading Committee, save and except that when a club is engaged in consecutive grades in the same final round that club may select its teams as if all players are eligible for the lower grade.</p> <p>Masters must play seven (7) competition rounds for their club in Masters.</p>	<i>By Laws 6 Amended from 5 to 7 at Special Meeting April 2002</i>
	<i>Penalty: Breaches of 4.2.4 shall result in the match being awarded to the opposing team.</i>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATIONS</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<i>By Laws 8.1</i>
	<p>A person may not transfer from one club to another without clearance from the club he has transferred from, in writing, by the Club he has left, before playing a competition match with the new Club.</p> <p>Such clearance should not be unreasonably withheld. Should a dispute arise the matter shall be referred to the Committee for resolution.</p>	
	<i>Penalty Clause 3.5.9 shall apply if a player plays in any match without a clearance, or in the event of a dispute over a clearance, until the matter has been considered by the Committee.</i>	<i>By Laws 8.2</i>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
	A new player shall not be eligible to play unless his name has been registered with his new club at least three days prior to the player's first match.	
	<i>Penalty: Clause 3.5.9 shall apply if a player plays in any match without having signed a registration form.</i>	

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<b>6.0</b>	<b>UMPIRING</b>	
	A Club's Grading List shall indicate which members the Club proposes to nominate for umpiring duty and should include at least 5 from First Grade and at least 2 from every other grade.	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Umpiring Committee</b>	
	Clubs shall nominate 2 members named in the first 11 of their grading list to serve on the Umpiring Committee and to umpire First Grade matches. More than 2 Club members may be nominated to umpire First Grade however only 2 are required to serve on the Committee.	
<b>6.1.1</b>	<b>Appointment of Umpiring Committee Convenor</b>	
	The Men's Standing Committee will appoint a Convenor for the Committee from those players nominated to act on the Committee.	
<b>6.1.2</b>	<b>Meetings of the umpiring committee</b>	
	The Umpiring Committee will meet as required by members.	
<b>6.1.3</b>	<b>Appointment of umpires</b>	
	The Umpiring Committee shall be responsible for the appointment of all umpires, under direction from the Standing Committee, for all matches.	
<b>6.1.4</b>	<b>Rejection of an Umpire</b>	
	The Umpiring Committee may recommend to the Standing Committee that an umpiring nomination not be accepted or which grade a nominated umpire may umpire.	
<b>6.1.5</b>	<b>Report to the Standing Committee</b>	
	The Umpiring Committee shall report to the Standing Committee at regular monthly meetings of the Standing Committee and at other times as the Committee requires.	
<b>6.1.6</b>	<b>Penalties for failing to umpire</b>	
	<p>When a Club has been directed by the Committee or its representative to provide an umpire for a game and fails to do so then the following fines/penalties shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First two occurrences in the same competition the Club shall be fined an amount of \$50.00 for each occurrence.</li> <li>• For each and every subsequent occurrence in the same competition the Club shall lose 2 competitions points from the cumulative total of each team in each grade.</li> </ul>	<i>Resolved 27/06/2011</i>

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<b>7.0</b>	<b>COACHES AND SELECTORS</b>	
	The Standing Committee may elect Coaches and Selectors for representative teams as required.	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Nominations</b>	
	<p>Advertisements shall be placed, not less than 14 days prior to election, seeking written nominations for vacant positions to be lodged with the Secretary</p> <p>At the first monthly meeting following the closure of nominations the Committee shall consider the nominations and fill the vacant positions, subject to Clause 7.2.</p> <p>Should there be no written nominations, nominations from those present at the meeting will be considered.</p>	
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Election</b>	
<b>7.2.1</b>	<b>Coaches</b>	
	Where more than 1 nomination is received a secret ballot will be held. The nominee with the least votes will be excluded from subsequent votes until only two nominees remain, when a final ballot will be conducted with the nominee receiving the highest number of votes elected.	
<b>7.2.2</b>	<b>Selectors</b>	
	<p>The Coach shall be a Selector, and shall have the casting vote on matters of selection.</p> <p>Where more than 3 nominations (other than the Coach) for Selector are received the Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer shall elect 3 selectors (giving a panel of 4 Selectors) from those nominated.</p> <p>If 3 or less nominations are received then those nominated shall be appointed.</p> <p>Where possible 1 Selector should be elected from each of the member Clubs of the Standing Committee.</p>	
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Eligibility for selection</b>	
	Only those players who are presently playing in the local competition or have at some time in the past played regularly in the Tamworth competition should be selected to represent Tamworth, unless special permission is sought from the Committee.	



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<b>7.4</b>	<b>Confirmation of Representative Selectors</b>	<i>Adopted Meeting: 07/06/1999</i>
	The names of players selected in any representative side shall be submitted to the Men's Standing Committee for approval.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAINS</b>	
	<p>The captain of a team will be responsible for giving a team list in block letters to the umpire prior to the commencement of the game.</p> <p>The captain is to ensure that all players in his team are correctly dressed in the registered team uniform. For a breach of this rule a player may be prevented by the umpire or ground controller from taking the field.</p> <p>The captain of the winning team is responsible for ensuring the team cards are signed by the umpire or ground controller, correctly completed and left at the control box. In the event of a draw both captains will be responsible for the team cards. In the event of the cards not being received by the respective secretary no points or goals will be allowed for that match.</p>	<i>By Laws 9</i>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	
	Alleged breaches of the Association's Code of Conduct are to be conveyed to the Committee in writing, including comments on the team cards by umpires or ground supervisors, for action as appropriate.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>GRADING COMMITTEE</b>	
	Clubs shall nominate 1 representative to serve on the Grading Committee.	
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Convenor of the Grading Committee</b>	
	The Assistant Secretary shall be Convenor of the Grading Committee.	
<b>10.1.1</b>	<b>Meetings of the Grading Committee</b>	
	<p>The Committee shall meet prior to round 5 of the competition to address each Club's grading list and to recommend changes.</p> <p>Subsequent meetings will be held at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary or as directed by the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Minutes shall be kept of any Grading Committee meetings and shall be submitted by the Assistant Secretary to the next regular meeting of the Standing Committee.</p>	

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<b>10.1.2</b>	<b>Voting and disputes</b>	
	<p>Matters shall be decided by majority vote. The Assistant Secretary shall have a casting vote. Clubs may appeal to the Standing Committee a decision made by the Grading Committee with such appeal to be heard at the next regular meeting of the Standing Committee.</p> <p>Any decision endorsed by the Grading Committee and subsequently appealed shall be enforced until the matter is resolved by the Standing Committee.</p>	

## APPENDICIES

<b>APPENDIX 1</b>	<b>JUDICIARY POINTS SYSTEM</b>	
	<p>The following demerit points shall apply depending on the length of suspension from the field:</p> <p>Green Card                      0 points                  Minor Yellow (5 mins)    2 points                  Major Yellow (10 mins) 4 points                  Red Card                         8 points</p>	
	<p>The following shall automatically occur depending on the number of points accumulated in any one competition:</p> <p>Red Card                              Considered by the Judiciary Committee                  Accumulation of 8 Points    One match suspension                  Accumulation of 13 Points   Two match suspension                  Accumulation of 16 Points   Considered by the Judiciary Committee</p>	
	<p>Two yellow cards in the same match indicates that a player cannot take the field again during that game but is not equivalent to a red card.</p> <p>The total points accumulated are either 4 or 8 depending on whether each suspension is a minor or major.</p>	
<b>APPENDIX 2</b>	<b>COMBINED FIRST GRADE COMPETITION BETWEEN TAMWORTH AND NON-TAMWORTH BASED TEAMS</b>	
	<p>The following clauses apply to any grade competition in which teams from outside of Tamworth take part.</p>	
<b>A2.1</b>	<b>Administration of the Competition</b>	
	<p>The Tamworth Men's Standing Committee will administer the competition, in terms of record keeping etc. Accordingly match cards from matches played outside Tamworth must be provided to the Assistant Secretary as soon as possible after the conclusion of each match.</p>	
<b>A2.2</b>	<b>Oversight Committee</b>	
	<p>Each Club playing in the competition will elect a representative to serve on the oversight committee for the competition.</p>	
<b>A2.2.1</b>	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	
	<p>Committee meetings will be held each time all teams in the competition play in Tamworth and on other occasions as required.</p>	

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<b>A2.2.1.1</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	
	The Convenor of the Tamworth Men's Standing Committee shall act as Chairman but will not have a vote unless he is acting as a representative of one of the Clubs competing in the competition.	
<b>A2.2.1.2</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	Minutes will be taken at each meeting and will be distributed to all Clubs playing in the competition.  A copy of the minutes will be provided to the Relevant Committees in Tamworth and other areas for information.	
<b>A2.3</b>	<b>Policies Governing the Competition</b>	
	With reference to the Tamworth Hockey Association Incorporated – Men's Standing Committee Policies the following clauses shall apply with or without amendments as detailed.	
Clause 2.2	Names and Colours	
Clause 3.0	Competitions	
	All clauses in this section shall apply with the exception of 3.5.3, 3.5.8	
	In relation to Clause 3.1.1 Grading lists. It is understood that teams from outside Tamworth will only include players who may play for the team in the particular grade of the competition	
Clause 4	Premiership Tables and Finals	
	The following shall be added;  Finals will be played in the town nominated by the team that finished higher on the competition table at the end of the competition and in the event of a 5 or more team competition by the higher placed winners in subsequent final matches.  Any final games played in Tamworth will be played on the same surface as all other men's finals.	
Clause 5.0	Transfers and Registrations	
Clause 8.0	Duties of Team Captains	
Clause 9.0	Breaches of THAI Code of Conduct	

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<b>A2.3.1</b>	<b>Matters referred to the THAI Men's Standing Committee</b>	
	<p>Each Club playing in the competition will be entitled to a delegate to the Tamworth Men's Standing Committee. All delegates will be entitled to vote on matters which may affect the competition they are competing in only.</p> <p>This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any alleged breach of Code of Conduct relating to a player or supporter from outside Tamworth.</li> <li>• Appeals against a penalty automatically imposed as per the Policies.</li> <li>• Deferment of matches.</li> <li>• Disputes that require the resolution of the Standing Committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>A2.4</b>	<b>Umpiring</b>	
	Each team in the competition will nominate a minimum of 2 umpires	
<b>A2.5</b>	<b>Suspension Penalties and Judiciary Matters</b>	
	As per the Policies	
<b>A2.6</b>	<b>Fees and Charges</b>	
	<p>Teams in the competition shall pay registration fees etc to their home Association. Ground fees will be paid to the relevant Association in accordance with games played on that Association's facilities.</p> <p>Failure to pay registration and or ground fees by the invoice date will invoke relevant clauses in the Policies.</p>	
<b>A2.7</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>	
	Should a Committee associated with a team in the first grade competition be successful in securing sponsorship associated with the first grade competition then that Committee will have sole discretion in how that sponsorship should be distributed.	