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1. General Matters

1.1 Declaration

These Regulations apply to the playing and operation of ice hockey excepting, where applicable, to the general management of Ice Hockey Victoria (IHV) as a whole.

1.2 Application

1. These Regulations are made by IHV under Clause 23 of IHV's Constitution and By-Laws in pursuit of the objectives of IHV. These Regulations are binding on all IHV bodies and committees, sanctioned leagues, to all Member Associations, their constituent bodies, Clubs, teams, players, officials, members and any person or body whatsoever associated as regards to competitions of IHV
2. These Regulations are to be interpreted in accordance with Clause 2 of the IHV Constitution. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, IHV's Constitution prevails over these Regulations.
3. These Regulations are to be interpreted in conjunction with the IHV By-Laws. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, IHV's By-Laws prevail over these Regulations
4. The IHV Committee of Management (the Committee) may from time to time amend these Game Administration Regulations
5. All alterations enacted or amended by the Committee shall remain in force until amended or rescinded by a subsequent Committee meeting.
6. Subject to IHV rules outlined in this document the game of ice hockey in Victoria is played under the rules of the Ice Hockey Australia (IHA) and the International Ice Hockey Federation, as explained in the current IIHF Rule Book. The IIHF Rules for ice hockey can be viewed at www.iihf.com . **In circumstances where a matter may arise and that does not appear to be covered by the IHV rules, those of IHA and IIHF will be deemed to apply.**

1.3 Jurisdiction – Players and Officials

1. All clubs, teams, players, team officials and game officials who participate in sanctioned league games in Victoria must be under the jurisdiction of IHV, their member Club or Association.
2. Players registered to participate in IHV sanctioned recreational competitions or activities will be under the direct jurisdiction of IHV.
3. Players registered to participate in IHV sanctioned Junior Hockey competitions or activities will be under the direct jurisdiction of IHV.
4. Players registered to participate in IHV sanctioned Learn to skate - Learn to play League are under the direct jurisdiction of IHV.

1.4 Disputes

1. Any disputes over the interpretation and application of these rules and regulations are to be decided by the Committee.
2. A Club, IHV Committee Member, IHV Senior or Junior Committee Member or Recreational Team Manager may appeal to the Committee for a review of a decision within 7 days of that decision being made the Committee by submitting their request in writing outlining the reasons for, and the basis of, their appeal.

3. Apart from a member of the Committee an individual cannot lodge an appeal direct and must do so via their Club, Recreational Team Manager or the IHV Junior Committee of Management. Appeals lodged by a Club must be on club letterhead and signed by the Club President or Club Secretary.
4. The Committee may or may not elect to hear an appeal.
5. If the Committee elects to hear the appeal the Club's delegate and/or President or Team Manager in the case of a Recreational Team, must appear in person to present the appeal. The appealing Club will not be permitted a vote when the Committee decides on the appeal outcome.
6. If a Committee member lodges an appeal, then they must appear in person to present their appeal and will not be permitted to vote when the Committee decides on the appeal outcome.
7. Whilst it is the right of the appellant to have legal representation, in view of the amateur status and voluntary administration of the sport, individuals and Clubs are discouraged from involving legal representation (paid or non-paid) at an appeal hearing. If an individual or Club elects to have legal representation at an appeal hearing such representation will only be permitted if the individual or Club enters into a duly signed undertaking to bear all ensuing legal costs, including those of individuals, IHV and its affiliated Associations and IHA.
8. The decision of the IHV Committee of Management is final and binding on all parties.

1.5 Member Code of Conduct and Ethics

1. As a registered member of IHV, all individuals agree to abide by the IHV Member Code of Conduct and Ethics. This Code of Conduct and Ethics applies to all IHV members, including players, coaches, officials, administrators, managers, office holders and employees.
2. As a member of IHV the participants are to adhere to the following requirements in regard to their conduct during the time of their membership and during any activity held by or under the auspices of IHV or a Member Association or Club and in any role they hold within IHV or a Member Association or Club.
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others;
 - Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others;
 - Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, their actions;
 - Make a commitment to providing quality service;
 - At all times act in the best interests of ice hockey
 - Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions serve as examples;
 - Be aware of and maintain an uncompromising adherence to IHV standards, Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and policies;
 - Operate within the rules of ice hockey including national and international guidelines, which govern IHA and the Member State and Territory Associations;
 - Understand their responsibility if they breach or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Conduct & Ethics;
 - Do not use their involvement with IHV or a Member State Association or Club to promote their own beliefs, behaviors or practices where these are inconsistent with those of IHV and its parent body Ice Hockey Australia (IHA);
 - Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age in accordance with the IHA Member Protection Policy;
 - Refrain from any form of abuse towards others;
 - Refrain from any form of harassment towards or discrimination of others;
 - Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity;
 - Show concern and caution towards others who may be ill or injured;
 - Be a positive role model at all times.
 - Pay all fees, charges and/or penalties by due date

3. Members are particularly warned about the use of social networks to post comments which may be in breach of the above obligations within the IHV Member Code of Conduct and Ethics.

1.6 Individual Membership

1. Any person wishing to participate in IHV sanctioned ice hockey events must be an Individual Member of IHV and are required to sign the appropriate IHV Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Form for each playing season prior to participation. Players signing with more than one State association may be suspended.
2. An Individual Member shall be a current financial registered member of IHV and whose name is currently on the IHV Membership Register.
3. An Individual Member shall complete and lodge an IHV Player Permit Application, IHA Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Form, including the associated payments, as set by IHV.

1.7 Fees – Refund Policy

1. Costs incurred in running ice hockey are fixed regardless of the number of players who actually show up for a game. Prior to the season IHV determine the costs for the season for each grade and establish an average cost per team. Accordingly, IHV cannot provide refunds to players who, for various reasons, do not fully participate in the season.
2. IHV acknowledges, however, that there are some circumstances where such refunds or waivers will be considered, and these are subject to the following regulations. Any refunds or waivers for season fees will **NOT** be given unless the circumstances fall within the following guidelines.

1.7.1 IHA Registration Fees

1. IHA Player insurance and registration fees are passed on to IHA.
Refunds will be assessed on an individual basis and only provided if the player has not participated in any ice-based sessions (training or games).

1.7.2 IHV Registration and Admin Fees

1. The costs IHV incur in running the sport, such as administration and on & off-ice officials' expenses are determined prior to the commencement of the season. These costs are fixed regardless of the number of players that actually end up participating during the season. **Therefore, NO refund or waivers of IHV membership fees will be given if the player has utilized IHV sanctioned ice.**

1.8 Import Players

1.8.1 Definition

Two (2) categories "LOCAL" and "IMPORT" will apply to all IHV Individual Members.

1.8.1.1 LOCAL

A Local (non "Import") player is anyone:

1. holding Australian citizenship, Australian birth certificate or permanent residency as defined by passport verification or is on a "bridging" visa, or
2. a non-Australian born player who does not hold Australian citizenship, bridging visa or permanent residency status, but has a valid entry Visa to

Australia, as approved by DIMA and who is deemed a “Junior Player” as defined by IHV Registration.

3. A New Zealand born player still requires an ITC card however will not count towards a club’s import total

(Note: The IHA definition of a “Local Player” in regard to their qualification for participation in Australian National Tournaments may vary from that applied to participation with IHV – the IHA definition will apply in such circumstances.)

1.8.1.2 IMPORT

IHV define an IMPORT player as a non-Australian born player who does not hold Australian citizenship, bridging visa or permanent residency status, but has a valid entry Visa to Australia, as approved by DIMA and who is deemed a “Senior Player” as defined by IHV Registration requirements.

NOTE: All imports must be marked on the player management system

1.9 Interstate Players

1. Players previously registered in another State or Territory must obtain a release from their former team or State or Territory Association and complete a transfer form prior to signing a player’s card for the current season. No clearance after 30th June will be accepted unless substantiated with change of residency. Such transfers can only take place once during the current playing season.
2. A player can only play in the State or Territory in which they are registered.

1.10 Proof of Age

1. Proof of age shall be an official birth certificate, passport or photo driver’s license legally recognised by civil authorities in which the Member State or Territory Association is operating.
2. Any player, officer or executive member of a team or Club found guilty of falsifying proof of age evidence, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the IHV Committee of Management.

1.11 Playing in an Unsanctioned Event

1. Members are encouraged not to play or participate in any unsanctioned team or in an unsanctioned event at any time as:
 - IHA's insurance coverage only applies to IHA/IHV sanctioned activities
 - Many other member benefits afforded under IHVs Constitution, By Laws, Member Protection, Tribunal Regulations and other Policies will not be available if the activity is not IHV sanctioned.
2. Members participating in such unsanctioned activities do so at their own risk.
3. It is the responsibility of the member to establish whether the activity they are undertaking is IHV sanctioned or not, prior to commencing such activity.

1.12 National Insurance Scheme

1. IHA negotiates and manages the following Insurance Policies on behalf of the Federation and its members:
 - Sports Injury
 - Public and Products Liability

- Professional Indemnity
2. Sports Injury, Public and Products Liability, Directors and Officers, and Professional Indemnity Insurance is **MANDATORY** for all IHA players, teams, coaches, managers, referees, linespersons, administrators and officials performing under the umbrella of the IHA, and who are Individual Members of IHA in accordance with IHA's Constitution and Regulations.
 3. To be insured, the participant must have paid their assessment to IHA and have their Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Form lodged in the IHA's office or designated office. A copy of each Policy is available from IHA or the Individual Member's State or Territory Association.

1.13 On Ice Game Officials

1. Referees and linespersons are accredited through the International Ice Hockey Federation, IHA and the Australian Sports Commission.
2. All IHV referees and linespersons must attend an IHA officiating course as outlined in the IHA's Officiating Program prior to 01 June annually.
3. The IHV Referee-in-Chief is responsible to ensure IHV has a registered instructor up to the Level as determined by the IHA National Officiating Council. All other instruction and facilitation will be conducted by the IHA or an International Ice Hockey Federation Referee Facilitator.
4. Rates and Fees to be paid to referees and linespersons by IHV on behalf of its members and ice hockey teams for officiating at hockey games, including travel allowances and parking contribution where appropriate shall be determined by the IHV Committee of Management.
5. Prior to determining the said Rates and Fees, the IHV Executive and Referee-in Chief will agree on the Rates and Fees and form a recommendation of the same for the IHV Committee of Management's consideration and approval.
6. The current game rates are:
 - Premier A – Referee - \$50 & Linespersons - \$35 each
 - Senior B – Referee - \$40 & Linespersons - \$25 Each
 - Senior C & D – Referee - \$40 & Linespersons - \$25 Each
 - Under 21 – Referee - \$40 & Linespersons - \$25 each
 - Under 21 Non-Checking – Referee - \$30 & Linespersons - \$20 each
 - Under 15 – Referee - \$25 & Linespersons - \$20 each
 - Under 13 – Referee - \$25 & Linespersons - \$20 eachSpecial Events (to be at the Premier A rate)
7. Parking Contribution rate:
 - Docklands Parking – to be paid at Secure Parking's current cost

1.14 Off Ice Game Officials

1. Rates and Fees to be paid to the Scorer and Timekeeper by IHV on behalf of its members and ice hockey teams for officiating at Premier A, Senior B, Senior C and Senior D hockey games and Docklands parking contribution where appropriate shall be determined by the IHV Committee of Management.
2. Prior to determining the said Rates and Fees, the IHV Executive and Referee-in Chief will agree on the Rates and Fees and form a recommendation of the same for the IHV Committee of Management's consideration and approval.
3. The current game rates are:
 - Premier A – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$25 each
 - Senior B, C & D – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$20 each

- Under 21 – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$20 each
- Under 15 – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each
- Under 12 – Scorer and Timekeeper - \$15 each

Special Events (to be at the Premier A rate)

4. Parking Contribution rate:

Docklands Parking – to be paid at Secure Parking's current cost

All paid IHV Off-Ice Officials must attend an IHV Off-Ice officiating course as outlined by IHV

2. Games Administration Rules

2.1 General

1. The game of ice hockey in Victoria is played under the rules of the Ice Hockey Australia (IHA) and the International Ice Hockey Federation, as explained in the current IIHF Rule Book. The IIHF Rules for ice hockey can be viewed at www.iihf.com
2. As permitted under the IIHF Rules and Regulations, IHA may determine changes to the rules or set additional rules as necessary for the proper management of ice hockey in Australia.
3. As permitted under the IHA Rules and Regulations, IHV may determine changes to the rules or set additional rules as necessary for the proper management of ice hockey in Victoria.

2.2 Safety Equipment

1. As approved by IHA General Assembly, the following are additional rules relating to the wearing of safety equipment while playing ice hockey in Australia (and therefore Victoria).
 - **Mouth guards.**
 - It is recommended that all players wear a custom-made mouth guard, however a mouth guard is not compulsory if wearing a full face mask.
 - All players who wear a mouth guard must wear it correctly during play.
 - All players within the Under 21 groups, if wearing a visor, must wear a custom-made mouth guard and it must be worn correctly during play.
 - **Player's Face Mask or Visor.**
 - It is recommended that all players wear a full-face mask or visor.
 - Players born after the 31st December 1974 shall wear, as a minimum, a visor as per IIHF Rule 224 b).
 - All female players shall wear full face masks.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 17 years & under shall wear a full-face mask in all IHA sanctioned competitions.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 18 years shall wear a full-face mask in all IHA 18 & under National Championships.
 - Players shall not be permitted to wear a coloured or tinted visor or tinted full face mask.
 - **Neck and Throat Guards.**
 - It is recommended that all players wear a neck and throat protector.

- Players and goalkeepers aged 17 years & under shall wear a neck and throat protector all IHA sanctioned competitions.
 - Players and goalkeepers aged 18 years shall wear a neck and throat protector in all IHA 18 & under National Championships.
2. Players found not to be in compliance with these Safety Equipment Regulations shall be suspended from further competition and are not to participate further until such time as all appropriate equipment is in place and acknowledged by the Game Referee. A second offence will cause the player to be immediately suspended from further competition, issued a “Delay of Game” and be cited for disciplinary action.
 3. IHA Goaltenders are allowed to wear “cats-eye” face cages.
 4. It is the player’s responsibility to ensure that they are medically fit, able and clear of any injuries that may impact on their ability to participate when attending state, national or other sanctioned competitions, including training camps as sanctioned by IHA or their respective State or Territory Association. Any irregularities prohibiting normal competition must be informed to the player’s State or Territory Association and the IHA Office.
 5. Under aged players are allowed to compete with open age players provided a Letter of Clearance is provided as per IIHF Rules.
 6. IHV goaltenders are allowed to continue wearing current regulation goal equipment in all IHA sanctioned games until consideration is given to changing to the new rule.
 7. Only persons as nominated on the Team Sheet will be permitted on the players’ bench. A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 4 team officials may be on the bench. IHV recommends at least 1 official with medical training. All players nominated on the Team Sheet as players must be fully dressed in playing gear as required by IHA/IHV regulations.
 8. Because of health risks the IHV and its associated clubs will not supply water bottles to players. It is up to the individual players at all levels to supply their own bottles clearly marked.
 9. All Coaches are required to wear an approved ice hockey helmet at all times whilst providing training on the ice surface itself.
 10. A player classified accordance with IHV definition as a ‘Junior’ (playing age of 18 yrs. and under) must pass an IHV evaluation session before they can play in IHV sanctioned Competitions.
 11. Any player or on ice official who removes their helmet before leaving the ice will be reported to the proper authorities for further disciplinary action.

2.3 Females Playing with Males

1. In IHA and IHV females may play in mixed competition with males in non-checking senior competitions – IHV Senior B, Senior C, Senior D and Recreational grades and sanctioned non-checking events.
2. Females are not permitted to play in mixed, checking hockey with males of age 18 years and older – IHV grades Premier A and Under 21 Checking. The only exception to this rule is that female goalkeepers may play in checking hockey competitions and sanctioned checking events.

2.4 Suspension Regulations

1. Procedures, suspensions imposed, and appeals are to be conducted in accordance to IHV’s Tribunal Regulations and Schedule for Suspension Regulations.
2. Member Clubs have the power to suspend any of their players or officials in addition to suspensions imposed by IHV under IHV’s Tribunal powers, Constitution and Procedures.
3. For penalties that constitute suspension from further play are to be applied as per the IHV’s Schedule of Suspension Regulations. If a tribunal is required, the tribunal shall be conducted in accordance with the IHV Constitution and By-Laws. Refer to the IHV Tribunal Regulations for details.

4. It is the responsibility of the team officials to obtain the final game report after each and every game to ensure a player and/or team official is not under report for suspension. Failure to do so does not constitute not being informed.
5. Where a player receives a major or match penalty by the game referee, the corresponding automatic suspension will apply without the need to refer the matter to a Tribunal.
6. Suspensions are to be expressed in games and the player is not allowed to participate in any IHV or IHA sanctioned game (including games in other divisions) until the suspension is served in the grade in which the suspension was awarded.
7. Penalties awarded in a season, which are not fully executed during the season, are to carry over into the corresponding league or division in the player's next season until the number of games awarded is served.
8. Notwithstanding the above, a player suspended in an IHV sanctioned competition, (i.e. Premiership Competition) may apply, in writing, to IHV to be permitted to participate in other IHV sanctioned events provided the player in question sits out an equivalent suspension period in the alternate sanctioned event prior to participating in same. If dispensation is granted under this clause, the player must still also serve the full term of the suspension in the competition in which the original penalty was first handed out. Granting of such dispensation is entirely at the discretion of the IHV Executive.
9. Automatic Suspensions and Tribunal Hearings are applied based on the minimum applied penalty as listed in the IHV's Schedule of Suspension Regulations.
10. The application of an automatic suspension does not remove the right of the player to request the matter be referred to an Appeal if they disagree with the decision. Where "Tribunal" is listed against an offence, then the matter must go before a Tribunal for decision.
11. If a player receives a Game Misconduct in the last half of the third period, or in overtime, of a game (in any grade) that player must sit out the next scheduled game in that grade. He will not be allowed to play (in any grade) until he has missed a game in the respective grade in which the penalty was received.

3. IHV Premiership Regulations

3.1 General Matters

1. All IHV Premierships will comply with the current International Ice Hockey Federation Official Rule Book as adopted by the IIHF Congress, subject to IHA and IHV approved amendments.
2. These IHV Premiership Regulations, as adopted by the IHV Committee of Management, are the Regulations under which Member Clubs and IHV Players will participate.
3. The IHV Premiership Regulations are to be reviewed annually prior to the commencement of the IHV Premiership and shall be considered as the Regulations for conducting IHV Premierships.
4. Notwithstanding the above, as per **General Matters Section 1.2 Application** sub clauses 4) and 5) of this document, the Committee may amend these rules from time to time during the IHV Premiership season.

3.2 Purpose

1. IHV Premierships are conducted in 3 Leagues:

Winter Leagues

- IHV Senior League
- IHV Junior League

Summer League

- IHV Senior Recreational League
2. The Junior League is for the sole purpose of the teams sanctioned to participate in the competition. No other team, be it non-member, national, international or otherwise, is allowed to participate.
 3. The Senior League is for the sole purpose of a maximum of one grade team from each Club sanctioned to participate in the competition. No other team, be it non-member, national, international or otherwise, is allowed to participate.
 4. Clubs within the Senior League will only be allowed to compete in the competition whilst their payments are not more than two weeks behind their scheduled payment date, as set down by the Committee.

3.2.1 IHV Senior Recreational League

1. The Senior Recreational League does not form part of the IHV Winter competition and is played separately over the Summer Season. A specific set of rules applies to this league.
2. The Senior Recreational League is for the sole purpose of one or more grade teams from each Club sanctioned to participate in the competition. No other team, be it non-member, national, international or otherwise, is allowed to participate.
3. Clubs within the Senior Recreational League will only be allowed to compete in the competition whilst their payments are not more than two weeks behind their scheduled payment date, as set down by the Committee.

3.3 Format

1. IHV Premierships will consist of a series of round robin games followed by a series of play-off games for those teams qualifying. The number of round robin games and the nature of the play-off series will be determined by the IHV Executive and the appropriate Committees of Management. It is understood that some variations can occur because of ice time availability and unforeseen circumstances. Any changes must be approved by the IHV Executive.

3.4 Dates of Playing Season

1. The Committee shall decide the dates for commencement and end of the playing season.

3.5 Location of Games

1. The Committee shall decide the location of all games according to scheduling requirements and ice time availability. Locations are subject to change at short notice. IHV will advise clubs and League administrators as soon as possible of any changes but it is the responsibility of Club and team managers to ensure all players and team officials are notified.

3.6 Coaches

1. All Member Club Team Coaches shall, as a minimum, hold a current IHA Level 1 Coaching Certificate.
2. There must be at least one person who holds a current IHA Level 1 Coaching Certificate on each Team's players' bench for a game to take place.
3. All coaching levels must be taken in accordance with IHA's current Coaching Program.
4. New coaches entering the coaching program for the first time must attend, or agree to attend, an IHV coaching course for the purposes of certification prior to commencing their coaching duties unless they qualify for certification under IHA's Recognised Prior Learning Program.

5. In the instance of item (4) failure to attend the next available coaches course during the year of competition will result in the coach becoming unaccredited and therefore cannot be utilized as a coach until they complete an accreditation course.
6. All current certified IHV coaches must complete an IHV Refresher Coaching Course every two years prior to 01 June annually as offered by IHV in order to retain their certification.

3.7 Uniforms

1. All players must wear their club playing uniforms (jersey and socks) as approved by IHV. Failure to do so may result in a player (or players) being removed from a game.

3.8 Game Documentation

1. Each Team's Officials must ensure an accurate team list including jersey numbers via the player management system, prior to the commencement of the game. Providing an incorrect team list may result in a fine of \$33.00 (inclusive of GST) against the offending Member Club.

4. IHV Leagues

1. IHV Premiership Competitions will be held for the following Leagues:

- IHV Senior League
- IHV Junior League.

The IHV Senior Recreational League is not conducted during the Winter Season and will run during the Summer Season.

4.1 IHV Premier A

1. This league is administered by IHV Executive, the IHV Senior Committee of Management and the IHV Affiliated Clubs and has four grades – Premier A, Senior B, Senior C and Senior D.

4.1.1 Premier A

4.1.1.1 Objectives

The objectives for **Premier A** are set out below:

1. To be the premier level of "checking" ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to the AIHL and Australian Senior Team levels.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the elite players in Victoria
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to AIHL and other National officiating levels.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.

6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
8. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all elite players can afford to participate
9. Ensure players and coaches at this level provide assistance to the IHV Clubs and Junior grades
10. Be a marketing flagship grade for IHV

4.1.1.2 Regulations

1. Open to male players 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year.
2. Male players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year, are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club.
3. Females are permitted to play as a goaltender only
4. Consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons
 - Jets
 - Saints
 - Sharks
5. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted
6. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
7. The winner of the Premier A Grand Final series will be awarded the “**H. H. Kleiner Memorial Trophy**”
8. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
9. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Senior Best Player - Presidents Medal
 - High Points Scorer - Hugh ‘Spot’ Lloyd Memorial Trophy
 - Best Goal Keeper - Kevin Sheehan Trophy
 - Best Defenseman - Basil Hansen Trophy

4.1.2 Senior B

4.1.2.1 Objectives

The objectives for Senior B are set out below:

1. To be the premier level of “non-checking” senior ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria’s Winter competition
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the fringe Premier A players
3. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to higher officiating levels.

4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
5. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them. This includes protecting the grade from excessive influence of elite level players impacting the results of individual games or the competition as a whole.
6. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible for this grade.
7. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all players can afford to participate

4.1.2.2 Regulations

8. Open to all players 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year.
9. All players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club.
10. Consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons
 - Jets
 - Saints
 - Sharks
11. Incidental body contact enabling a player to win the puck to the player's advantage is permitted. Deliberate body checking (open ice or into the boards) is not permitted.
12. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
13. The winner of the Senior B Grand Final series will be awarded the "**JP Oliphant Trophy**"
14. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
15. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player - Russell Jones Trophy
 - High Points Scorer - Ernie Courtier Trophy
 - Best Goal Keeper - Reid/McLoughlin Trophy
 - Best Defenseman - Ben Acton Trophy

4.1.3 Senior C

4.1.3.1 Objectives

The objectives for Senior C are set out below:

1. To be the intermediate level of "non-checking" senior ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria's Winter competition
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to Senior B if they desire.
3. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to higher officiating levels.

4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
5. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them by use of the Draft system.
6. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
7. To encourage player behaviour appropriate to a competitive recreational and social level of competition
8. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all players can afford to participate

4.1.3.2 Regulations

1. Open to all players 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year.
2. All players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club and are playing in the Junior U21 Non-Checking competition.
3. Each Division consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons
 - Jets
 - Saints
 - Sharks
4. Incidental body contact enabling a player to win the puck to the player's advantage is permitted. Deliberate body checking (open ice or into the boards) is not permitted.
5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
6. The winner of the Senior C Grand Final series will be awarded the "**Clive Connelly Trophy**"
7. The original IHV Trophies remain the property of the IHV.
8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player - Noel Derrick Trophy
 - High Points Scorer - Dave Cunningham Trophy
 - Best Goal Keeper - Bruce Charman Trophy
 - Best Defenseman - Keith Jose Trophy

4.1.4 Senior D

4.1.4.1 Objectives

The objectives for Senior D are set out below:

1. To be the introductory level of "non-checking" senior ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria's Winter competition
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to Senior C if they desire.

3. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to higher officiating levels.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
5. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them by use of the Draft system.
6. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
7. To encourage player behaviour appropriate to a competitive recreational and social level of competition
8. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all players can afford to participate

4.1.4.2 Regulations

1. Open to all players 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year.
2. All players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club and are playing in the Junior U21 Non-Checking competition.
3. Each Division consists of the following teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves
 - Demons
 - Jets
 - Saints
 - Sharks
4. Incidental body contact enabling a player to win the puck to the player's advantage is permitted. Deliberate body checking (open ice or into the boards) is not permitted.
5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
6. The winner of the Senior D Grand Final series will be awarded the "**Don Reddish Trophy**"
7. The original IHV Trophies remain the property of the IHV.
8. Awards for the following will be made:

• Most Valuable Player	-	John Thomas Trophy
• High Points Scorer	-	Ivo Vesely Trophy
• Best Goal Keeper	-	Peter Cavanagh Trophy
• Best Defenseman	-	Eric Theobald Trophy

4.2 IHV Junior League

1. This League is administered by IHV Executive and the IHV Junior Committee of Management and consists of 4 grades as follows:

4.2.1 Under 21 Checking

4.2.1.1 Objectives

The objectives for Under 21 Checking grade are set out below

1. To be the premier level of Junior “checking” ice hockey within Ice Hockey Victoria
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to the Senior IHV grades and Australian State and National Team levels.
3. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the Under 21 aged players in Victoria
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for moving to Senior and other National officiating levels.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
8. Provide a mechanism for beginning to introduce U21 players into the IHV Club environment.
9. Refine fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking
10. Refine basic individual and team tactics
11. Refine player positioning
12. Refine concepts of support; time and space
13. Develop character and sportsmanship
14. Teach and reinforce understanding of playing rules
15. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Under 21 players can afford to participate

4.2.1.2 Regulations

1. For players turning 15 to 20 years within the current year.
2. Open to male players only (exceptions made for female goalies)
3. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Bears
 - Bombers
 - Flyers
 - Pirates

The number of teams will depend on player numbers.

4. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted
5. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
6. The winner of the Under 21 Grand Final series will be awarded the “**Eric Charman Memorial Trophy**”
7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.

8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player – Ken Wellman Trophy
 - High Points Scorer – Blackhawk Trophy - Named in honour of the Derrick/Jose/Cunningham line of the 1950's & 60's.
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.2.2 U21 Non-Checking

4.2.2.1 Objectives

The objectives for U21 Non-Checking grade are set out below

1. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable U21 players to enhance their skills while playing non-checking hockey.
2. Provide an opportunity for U21 female players to continue to compete against similar age players.
3. Provide an opportunity for U21 players to continue to enhance their skills against similar age players and provide a pathway to Senior Non-checking hockey.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for introducing new officials to officiating 'non-checking' hockey.
5. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches.
6. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
7. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
8. Encourage the participation of both male and female players.
9. Develop fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking
10. Develop basic individual and team tactics
11. Develop player positioning
12. Develop concepts of support; time and space
13. Develop character and sportsmanship
14. Teach and reinforce understanding of playing rules
15. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Under 21 players can afford to participate

4.2.2.2 Regulations

1. For players turning 15 to 20 years within the current year.
2. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Bears
 - Bombers
 - Flyers
 - Pirates

The number of teams will depend upon player numbers.

3. Non-checking
4. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted
5. The winner of the U21 Non-Checking Grand Final series will be awarded the **“Robert Blackburn Championship Trophy”**
6. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
7. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.2.3 Under 15

4.2.3.1 Objectives

The objectives for Under 15 grade are set out below

1. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable players to move up to either the U21 Checking or U21 Non-Checking competitions and to make Victorian state teams, such as McCrae, Ginsberg or De Fris.
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the Under 15 aged players in Victoria
3. Provide a level of competition that will challenge the on-ice officials and provide a suitable platform for introducing new officials.
4. Provide a level of competition that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches to the highest level.
5. Ensure an even and balanced competition where all teams are of near equal quality and have the same resources available to them.
6. To be a competition that can support itself with sufficient players at the highest skill level possible.
7. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Under 15 players can afford to participate
8. Encourage the participation of both male and female players.
9. Introduce and develop fundamental hockey skills including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking
10. Introduce and develop goaltending through goaltender-specific drills
11. Introduce basic individual and team tactics
12. Introduce basic positioning
13. Introduce concepts of support; time and space
14. Develop character and sportsmanship
15. Teach and reinforce understanding of playing rules

4.2.3.2 Regulations

1. For players turning 12 to 14 years within the current year.
2. Consists of the following Teams:

- Flyers
- Bombers
- Pirates
- Bears

The number of teams will depend upon player numbers.

3. Non-Checking
4. Slap shots are not permitted
5. Icing Rule Exemption – In order not to over tax younger players, when an “Icing” offence is called, by the on-ice officials, the offending team’s coach is permitted to change his players in order to ensure appropriate age match ups.
6. The winner of the Under 15 Grand Final series will be awarded the “**Vic Ekberg Championship Trophy**”
7. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
8. Awards for the following will be made:
 - Most Valuable Player
 - High Points Scorer
 - Best Goal Keeper
 - Best Defenseman

4.2.4 Under 12

4.2.4.1 Objectives

The objectives for Under 12 grade are set out below:

1. Provide an environment that is purely focused on developing basic hockey skills, maximising participation and having fun. This is done through skill-focused activities, small area games and scrimmage.
2. Provide an appropriate level of development to enable players to move up to Under 15 and make Victorian state teams, such as McCrae or Ginsberg.
3. Provide an appropriate level of development that will challenge and satisfy the needs of the under 12 aged players in Victoria
4. Provide a level of development that will challenge and develop Victorian coaches
5. Maintain costs at a level which ensures all Under 12 players can afford to participate
6. Encourage the participation of both male and female players.
7. Develop character and sportsmanship
8. Introduce an understanding of basic playing skills and rules

4.2.4.2 Regulations

1. The purpose of this grade is to provide young development council attendees the opportunity to experience some form of game experience. No ladder or premiership will exist for this grade.
2. Games will be organized when appropriate throughout the season and will be played on reduced surface sizes to suit the age and skills of the players. Teams will be formed on the day based on the numbers of players present as well as ice time and rink availability.

3. For players turning 4 to 11 years within the current year.
4. Non-Checking
5. Slap Shots are not permitted

5. Player Eligibility

5.1 Senior

1. The following outlines the restrictions on players playing in particular Senior League and its Divisions/Grades.

5.1.1 IHV Senior League

1. Senior Players can only play in one grade per Round.
2. Entry by a Senior Player into the Club Division is subject to the Player Draft regulations.
3. No player can be registered to play in the IHV Senior League after 12.00 pm 30th June of the year of competition.

5.1.1.1 PREMIER A

1. Open to male players 18 years of age or over as at 31 December the previous year.
2. Male players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club and are playing in the Junior U21 Checking competition.
3. Females are permitted to play as a goaltender only.
4. Players registered as Non-Checking Seniors in Senior C or D divisions are not permitted to play in Premier A.

5.1.1.2 SENIOR B

1. Open to male and female players 18 years of age or over as at 31 December the previous year.
2. Male and female players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club and are playing in the Junior U21 competition.
3. Players on current or previous year AIHL teams player roster (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Senior B games
4. When moving Senior B level players down to Senior C and D divisions, clubs are required to have due consideration for the possible impact that player may have on the grade. Abuse of player movement and attempts at "Stacking" teams for individual games or to obtain advantage in ladder standings will be monitored by IHV and could result in severe loss of premiership points.

5.1.1.3 SENIOR C

1. Open to male and female players 18 years of age or over as at 31 December the previous year

2. Male and female players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club and are playing in the Junior U21 competition.
3. Players on current or previous year AIHL teams player roster (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Senior C games
4. When moving Senior C level players down to Senior D division, clubs are required to have due consideration for the possible impact that player may have on the grade. Abuse of player movement and attempts at "Stacking" teams for individual games or to obtain advantage in ladder standings will be monitored by IHV and could result in severe loss of premiership points.
5. A Premier A Active Player cannot play in Senior C
6. Emergency Players - Clubs are advised to encourage a number of players from their affiliated Summer League teams to register for the Winter season and to train with their Senior C and D teams. This provides a pool of players which could be called upon to provide emergency replacement players if a potential forfeit situation arises. Playing of such emergency players in a Senior C and D game remains subject to IHV approval. NOTE: Players registering for Winter under this arrangement MUST be advised to the IHV no later than Round 3 of the Senior C and D competition. Players not advised to IHV within this time frame will not be permitted to be used as emergency players. This is limited as per clause 7.3.2. Clubs should first use Senior D players to supplement player numbers in Senior C. A summer emergency player may only be used if the Senior C team is going to have 9 or less skaters in a game excluding that summer player.

5.1.1.4 SENIOR D

1. Open to male and female players 18 years of age or over as at 31 December the previous year.
2. Male and female players who were not 18 years old and over as at 31 December the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a club and are playing in the Junior U21 Non-Checking competition.
3. Players on current or previous year AIHL teams player roster (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Senior D games
4. A player registered for Senior B cannot play in Senior D
5. Emergency Players - Clubs are advised to encourage a number of players from their affiliated Summer League teams to register for the Winter season and to train with their Senior C and D teams. This provides a pool of players which could be called upon to provide emergency replacement players if a potential forfeit situation arises. Playing of such emergency players in a Senior C and D game remains subject to IHV approval. NOTE: Players registering for Winter under this arrangement MUST be advised to the IHV no later than Round 3 of the Senior B and C competition. Players not advised to IHV within this time frame will not be permitted to be used as emergency players. This is limited as per clause 7.3.2. A summer emergency player may only be used if the Senior D team is going to have 14 or less skaters in a game excluding the summer emergency player.

5.1.2 Imports

1. Member Clubs are limited to a maximum of 12 IMPORT players, including goalies. (See General Matters Section Rule 6 for definition of an Import player.)
2. A maximum of 5 IMPORT players, including goalies, are permitted to play in any one Premier (Premier A, Senior B, Senior C and Senior D) level game.

3. An IMPORT player suspended from play for whatever reason shall be included in the player limits, define in sub clause 1) and 2) above, for the period they are suspended.
4. IMPORTS must be flagged on the player management system.
5. As with interclub transfers (via the Draft or via IHV direct approval) a permit to play in the IHV Premiership will not be granted to IMPORTS who are not registered by 12.00 midnight on 30th June.

5.2 JUNIOR

1. NOTE: The Junior grades are age limited and the player's age will be determined using their age on 31 December the previous year.
2. For example:

For the Winter 2018 the player's age as at 31 December 2017 will be used to determine the qualification. In this example if a player turns 21 years of age on or prior to 31 December 2017 then they would not qualify for Under 21 which is 20 years and under.

5.2.1 Under 21 (Maximum Age 20 Years)

1. U21 Checking and Non-Checking
 - Checking is open to male players only (with exceptions for female goalies)
 - Non-Checking is open to male and female players
2. Age Qualifications:
 - For players turning 15 to 20 years within the current year.

5.2.2 Under 15

1. Open to both male and female players
2. Age Qualifications:
 - For players turning 12 to 14 years within the current year.

5.2.3 Under 12

1. Open to both male and female players
2. Age Qualifications:
 - For players turning 4 to 11 years within the current year

5.3 JUNIOR LEAGUE DISPENSATIONS

1. IHV may, under certain circumstances, grant dispensations to junior players to play below their age group.
2. Such dispensations are given on the basis of the individual player's ability only.
 1. Such dispensation will take into consideration the safety of all players involved or potentially involved in the age group.
 2. A player granted an IHV dispensation is ineligible for any IHV individual player awards granted in the age group they have been granted dispensation to play in.

3. Requests for dispensation must be made in writing to the Junior Committee of Management clearly setting out the reasons why they believe dispensation is warranted.
4. Whether a dispensation is granted or withdrawn will be at the discretion of the Committee.

6. MINIMUM PLAYER NUMBERS

1. In order to maintain the quality of games being played IHV sets a minimum number of players required to be able to take the ice at the scheduled commencement of a game.

6.1 Premier A

1. Teams must list a minimum of seven (7) players capable of taking the ice at the commencement of the game on the game team sheet – this can be 7 players or 6 players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams with less than seven (7) players at the schedule start time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the game to the opposing team. Refer to Forfeit Rules section below.
2. Premier A teams are encouraged to field at least 15 players and 1 goalie as a minimum to provide at least 3 forward lines and 3 defence lines in order to provide the highest level of game possible. Teams are further encouraged to also field a back-up goal tender where possible.

6.2 Senior B, Senior C, Senior D and Under 21

1. Teams must list a minimum of seven (7) players capable of taking the ice at the commencement of the game on the game team sheet – this can be 7 players or 6 players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams with less than seven (7) players at the schedule start time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the game to the opposing team. Refer to Forfeit Rules section below.

6.3 Under 15

1. Teams must list a minimum of seven (7) players capable of taking the ice at the commencement of the game on the game team sheet – this can be 7 players or 6 players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams with less than seven (7) players at the schedule start time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the game to the opposing team. Refer to Forfeit Rules section below.

6.4 Under 12

1. There is no limit applicable to the under 12 level games. These games are conducted by the coaches and player numbers will be controlled by the total number of players available to make up the required number of teams.

7. PLAYER LISTS

7.1 Premier A

1. Each Premier A team will be required to submit a complete team list (a minimum of 13 players and one goalie) to the IHV Secretary five (5) days prior to the commencement of Round 1. This team list must be reflected in the player management system.
2. The purpose of the Player List is to:
 - enable IHV to assess the strength of each Premier A team;
 - ensure the required number of Premier A player registrations are cross-checked;
 - ensure all players meet registration and draft regulations.

3. Note: In naming their Premier A List, Team Management should allow for slotting in any potential Second Draft picks.
4. The players nominated on the list will be assessed as requiring to be registered as Premier A players.
5. Alterations to the team list will be managed through the player management System as per these game regulations.
6. **Once** a player plays 8 Premier A games they will be assessed as a Premier A player and are ineligible to play in any of the last 3 competition rounds or the finals of Senior B.

7.2 Senior B

1. Each Senior B Team, will be required to submit to IHV five (5) days prior to the commencement of Round 1, Senior B Player List' of a minimum of fifteen (15) players including at least 1 goalie. This must be reflected in the player management system.
2. Note: In naming their Senior B lists, Team Management should allow for slotting in any potential Draft picks.
3. The purpose of the Active List is to:
 - enable IHV to assess the strength of each Senior B team to ensure balance in Draft allocations
 - ensure the minimum required number of Senior B registrations are accounted for
 - ensure all players meet registration and Draft regulations.
 - Identify the players within each Divisional team within each club to ensure a balanced completion and prevent uncontrolled swapping of players between Divisions within the Club.
4. **Once** a player plays 8 Senior B games they will be assessed as a Senior B player and are ineligible to play in any of the last 3 competition rounds or the finals of Senior C.

7.3 Senior C & D

1. Each Senior C & Senior D Team, will be required to submit to IHV five (5) days prior to the commencement of Round 1, Senior C & Senior D Player List' of a minimum of fifteen (15) players including at least 1 goalie. This must be reflected in the player management system.
2. Clubs must also nominate a list of five (5) "Summer Emergency Players" on club letterhead who will be called upon to play when player numbers are below 11 players (including goalie) for Senior C or 16 players (including goalie) for Senior D. These players can only boost player numbers to these respective limits. These players should be listed as "Spare" players in the player management system.
3. Note: In naming their Senior C & D lists, Team Management should allow for slotting in any potential Draft picks.
4. The purpose of the Active List is to:
 - enable IHV to assess the strength of each Senior C & D team to ensure balance in Draft allocations
 - ensure the minimum required number of Senior C & D registrations are accounted for
 - ensure all players meet registration and Draft regulations.
 - Identify the players within each Divisional team within each club to ensure a balanced completion and prevent uncontrolled swapping of players between Divisions within the Club.
5. **Once** a player plays 8 Senior C games they will be assessed as a Senior C player and are ineligible to play in any of the last 3 competition rounds or the finals of Senior D.

8. PLAYER DRAFTS

8.1 Introduction

1. This provides the means by which players move into or within the IHV Club Premier Division within the Senior League (i.e. Premier A, Senior B, Senior C & Senior D).
2. There are separate Senior and Junior Drafts. Each with their own process and regulations.

8.2 Senior Draft

1. The Senior Player Draft is held in a single draft with both checking and non-checking participants.
2. Players are assigned to a Club. It will be up to the individual club to which the player is drafted as to which grade he actually plays in (subject to IHV Oversight).

8.3 Junior Player Draft

1. Participation in this draft is by IHV Executive invitation only. A Junior player is eligible for the Junior draft in the year that player turns 17 years of age. If a player misses the draft in the year that they turn 17 they may enter the Junior draft in the year they turn 18.
2. The Draft is held at a date determined by the IHV Executive. It may be held at the same time as the Senior Player Draft or at any time after.
3. In any particular season the IHV Executive may elect not to a Junior Player Draft if it considers there is insufficient players to support it.
4. The purpose of this Draft is to allow selected Junior Under 21 players to be drafted to senior clubs in preparation for their eventual transition into senior checking hockey when they turn a minimum of 18 years old. A drafted Junior under can participate in the senior club training. They can also participate in senior games, if selected; however players Under 18 years of age must have also played in their Junior Under 21 game (see Article 12 below).
5. Selection in the Junior Player Draft does not automatically mean the player will play Senior grade games. Selection for such teams will be at the discretion of the Club and will be based on displayed ability, attendance at trainings, correct attitude, etc.
6. The Junior Player draft will be held separate to the Senior Player Draft but on the same selection order basis. (i.e. The club with the first senior pick also gets the first junior pick).
7. Players in participating in the Junior Draft are subject to the same conditions as senior draft in that they cannot select their own club and must agree to register and actively participate with the club that selects them or be subject to sanctioning, including IHV membership suspension.
8. The Junior draft includes both male and female players.
9. The Junior draft order will be identical to the team draft order for the Senior Draft for that year.
 - Junior draft picks are eligible for trades.
10. All Junior players that are listed in the draft must be drafted.
11. A Junior player, once drafted, cannot re-enter the Draft until they qualify for the Senior Draft.
12. Players selected in the Junior Player Draft, and until such time as the player reaches the age of 18, must play their Under 21 grade prior to being able to play any senior grade game. If a conflict occurs with game times, then the Under 21 game must take precedence.

13. Male U21 players will only be eligible for selection for the state Tange team if they are playing in U21 checking and/or the IHV Premier A competitions.
14. Parent/child and Sibling Draft regulations are as follows:
 - a. Applications for allowances under this provision are NOT guaranteed and will be assessed by IHV on a case by case basis. In the case of Parent/Child concession the association with the club under this rule generally requires a minimum of 5 years continuous and active association with the club in question. Whilst every endeavour will be made to accommodate such requests the primary purpose of the Draft, especially at the highest level of competition, is to ensure a balanced distribution of available player talent between clubs.
 - b. If a player is eligible to be protected under the Parent/Child or Sibling rules a club must nominate in writing before the draft that they wish to draft this player under these rules. A parent/guardian of this player must confirm that the player wishes to play for this club.
 - c. Each player in the Junior Draft will be assessed and ranked by an independent panel of Junior coaches under the direction of the IHV Coaching Director. The IHV Coaching Director will then publish to the clubs the list of eligible players for the Junior Draft in ranked order.
 - d. In order to exercise a Protected Junior Pick the club must utilise their draft pick which is nearest to the ranking the player has been given. If the difference between the player ranking and two of the club's draft picks is identical the club must use the earliest draft pick to select the player.

Example: Club has the 1st pick. They therefore have pick 1, 7, 13 and so on.

- Player ranked 1-4 – 1st draft pick must be used
- Player ranked 5-10 – 7th draft pick must be used (round 2 pick)
- Player ranked 11 – 16 – 13th pick must be used (round 3 pick)

8.4 Purpose

1. The purpose of the Player Draft is to:
 - Help create and maintain a balanced competition by controlling the transfer of players between teams and the allocation of new players
 - Ensure all clubs have an equal opportunity to access the talent pool of new players, developing seniors and junior players moving up into the senior ranks
 - Provide a means for Senior players to move between clubs (subject to controls)
 - Provide a means for Junior Under 21 players to transition into the Senior Clubs and grades.
2. The Draft enables:
 - Existing Premier players who are unhappy with their existing team/club the opportunity to move to another club.
 - Senior players a potential opportunity to make a higher-level team with another club
 - Senior players new to IHV to join the IHV Club Premier Division.
 - Players who are now too old at the Junior level (as defined by IHV) to be drafted into an IHV Club.
 - Selected Junior players still classified as Under 21 to move into the Senior Club environment and participate in additional club trainings and potentially gain opportunities to play Senior games.

8.5 Terms and Conditions

8.5.1 Existing Senior Players

1. For the purposes of determining a player's "existing club" it is deemed to be the club that player was last registered with as a Senior player according to IHV Registration records.
2. A player's existing club must approve a player's entry into the Draft by confirming the said player does not have any outstanding debts owed to that club.
3. A club cannot refuse permission for a player to enter the Draft unless there are outstanding monies owed to the club. To prevent clubs unreasonably withholding permission any disputes in this regard will be determined by IHV.

8.5.2 Summer Development Players

1. Summer Development players are permitted to move into the Winter competition without participation in the Senior Draft provided they have completed two years of continuous registration and active participation within that club's Recreation grade (Summer Season players). Note: Registering as an Emergency Player for the current Winter season does not override this requirement.
2. Players must be 18 years of age or older as at 31 December the previous year.
3. Clubs must nominate such players prior to the Draft taking place and the player must be registered as a Senior player prior to the Draft date as set down by IHV.
4. Summer Development players cannot use this concession to enter directly into the Senior Checking Grade of Premier A and must serve a minimum of one full season in Senior B, C or D before being permitted to move into Premier A grade.
5. **Special Rules Applicable to female players who cannot play in Checking Under 21 games.**
 1. Clubs will be permitted to accept (Non-Import) female players aged 18 yrs and over, who are not already a member of a Senior Club into Senior C & D grades without those players being part of the Senior Player Draft process.
 2. Such players are still subject to interclub transfer rules and regulations if they were a member of another IHV club during, or prior to, the current Winter Season and must complete appropriate transfer application forms if they are applying to switch clubs. Such transfers remain subject to IHV approval.
 3. Clubs are encouraged to only select players capable of playing regularly at Senior C or D level – this is a competitive grade and this concession is aimed at female players aiming for State and AWIHL level opportunities.

8.5.3 Returning Players

1. A player who has been not been registered with IHV but was previously registered as a winter senior player, need not enter the Draft provided:
 1. They wish to play for the same club that they were last registered with (as per IHV records). (If they do not wish to play for that club they must enter the Draft.)
 2. The prior registration was at senior level (If only previously registered at Junior level then they must enter the Draft.)
 3. The club they were previously registered with still exists and evidence that they have played for that club as a senior player is provided.
2. If the above, do not apply then the player must enter the Draft

8.5.4 Eligibility for the Player Draft.

1. Entry into the Draft is conditional upon the player being registered for the current season, completing the appropriate Season Player Draft Nomination Form and agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Draft.
2. Only IHV registered players, can enter the Draft.
3. Only players registered in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of the IHV Recreational League (Summer League) are eligible to participate in the Winter drafts.
4. Junior player participation is limited to those players invited to participate in the Junior Draft process by IHV.
5. All outstanding debts to a player's previous club and/or IHV have been settled in full prior to the player being accepted into the Draft.

8.5.5 New Players

1. No new Senior player (i.e. new to IHV or an existing IHV player becoming too old to qualify as a Junior) or qualifying Junior player can participate in the IHV Club Senior League competitions unless they have been through the IHV Club Senior or Junior Draft.
2. Note: The exception being those Non-Drafted Junior players who have been permitted by the Committee of Management to "play up" in selected Senior League games.

8.5.6 Parent/Child and Siblings Rule

1. Whilst clubs can request a specific player assigned to them as being a close relative (parent/child or sibling) of an existing long-term club player/official, the player must, none the less, enter the Draft advising they are doing so under this rule and nominating the club to which they request assignment.
2. Applications for allowances under this provision are NOT guaranteed and will be assessed by IHV on a case by case basis. In the case of Parent/Child concession the association with the club under this rule generally requires a minimum of 5 years continuous and active association with the club in question. Whilst every endeavour will be made to accommodate such requests the primary purpose of the Draft, especially at the highest level of competition, is to ensure a balanced distribution of available player talent between clubs.
3. The club must advise IHV in writing, prior to the Draft, of their intention to exercise this option in order to protect that player from being drafted by another club. Failure to do so will mean no such concession will apply and the player will be deemed to be available for selection by any club.
4. The club, in exercising this option, will be required to use their first allocated draft pick position to achieve the assignment of the nominated player. Such picks must be exercised prior to receiving any further selections in the Draft.
5. Where a club is exercising multiple concessions, Clubs must advise IHV in advance of the Draft as to the rotation selection pick position they will use to select the players in question. Depending on the number of players available in the Draft lower level pick positions cannot be guaranteed.
6. Note: This applies in each of the Checking and Non-Checking Drafts
 - Example 1: A club wishes to exercise both a Parent/Child and a Sibling concession in the Checking Draft, they must use rotation picks 1 and 2 before being eligible to select any other players remaining available.
 - Example 2: A club wishes to exercise both a Parent/Child and a Sibling concession but one in the Checking Draft and the other in the Non-Checking Draft, they must use rotation pick 1 the Checking Draft and rotation pick 1 in the Non-Checking Draft before being eligible to select any other players remaining available in those Drafts.

8.5.7 Assignments to Clubs

1. If a player is drafted by a Club and indicates they subsequently will not play for that Club, the Club will, where possible, be assigned another player. Penalties will apply to the player – see Article 9.5.12 below.
2. IHV retains the right to approve all Draft assignments in order to maintain a balanced competition and ensure the integrity of the grades.

8.5.8 Duration of the Assignment

1. Players assigned to a Club via the Draft remain with that Club until the player is re-assigned in a subsequent Draft process or they permanently retire from playing IHV Club Premier level hockey.
2. A Junior player, once drafted, cannot re-enter the Junior Draft until they qualify for the Senior Draft. This protects clubs a little in their investment in the junior player and helps prevent clubs and players manipulating the Draft process.

8.5.9 Non Selected Players

1. IHV will attempt to ensure all players are allocated to a team however situations may arise where players are not selected.
 - If an existing Senior registered player is not drafted they remain with their existing club.
 - If a qualifying Junior registered player is not drafted they remain in the Under 21 level.
 - If a new senior player not aligned to a club is not drafted IHV will discuss their options with them and every attempt will be made to place them in a level appropriate to their skills.
 - If a player, new to IHV, nominates for Premier A selection only and is subsequently not selected during the First-Round selection and does not wish to be considered for the Second Round Draft, provision is made for a refund of their registration fee.

8.5.10 New Players arriving or between Drafts

1. Import or Interstate players wishing to play in IHV's Winter Season must complete a Player Draft Nomination Form. Allocation of the player to a team will be determined by the IHV Executive and IHV Senior Committee of Management and be based on the circumstances of the competition at the time of nomination and the holding of the supplementary draft.
2. No IHV Club can directly accept registration of a player to a Premier level team. Players can only be assigned via the Draft process.

8.5.11 Timing and Frequency of the Player Draft

1. Tryouts are scheduled in advance of the start of the current season.
2. All players wishing to enter the Draft must nominate by lodging IHV registration and completing the online Player Survey prior to the scheduled cut off time.
3. All Clubs MUST submit their Player Lists (in all grades) to IHV by 5.00 pm the day before the draft selection. Failure to do so may result in removable of Draft selection rotation positions.

4. Subsequent Drafts will be called if deemed necessary by the IHV Executive – the timing and guidelines to be determined according to the circumstances of the competition.
5. Consistent with the existing 30th June cut-off, no inter team movements or Draftings will be granted for the current season after 30th June.

8.5.12 Penalties

1. A player nominating for the Draft and then failing to fulfil his/her obligations to play for the Club to which he/she is assigned under the Draft will be subject to possible penalties as determined by the IHV Executive, including possible withdrawal of IHV Registration for the current winter season.
2. Team Officials found to be attempting to compromise the integrity of the Draft will be subject to possible penalties and/or fines as determined by the IHV Executive.

8.5.13 Trades

8.5.13.1 Introduction

The Winter Season will see the continuation of Trading.

Trading is subject to the following basic foundation considerations:

- IHV's priority will be to protect players from becoming involved in unwanted Trades.
- The introduction of Trading will not be allowed to corrupt the Draft and the balance of the overall Competition.
- All aspects of Trading must be fully transparent to all players and all clubs.
- No financial inducements of any kind can be offered – severe penalties will be applied.
- Limit on the number of players a club can “trade” in any one season both in and out will exist- this is to prevent block movements which could cripple a club in a particular grade.
- Sibling and Father Son dispensations cannot be claimed under Trades or subsequent Drafts. For example, if a club trades in a player, that club do not get a free pick of that player's brother the next year in the Draft.
- Trading has no free Trade provisions
- Non-drafted juniors cannot be involved in Trading in any form.
- All trades must be subject to IHV approval.

8.5.13.2 What can be traded?

1. Existing Senior Players, Senior & Junior Draft pick positions and Drafted players (must be undertaken as part of the Draft.)
2. Only direct Trading between two (2) clubs is permitted.
3. Only “one for one” trades are permitted – a player for a player or a player for a Draft pick. A trade involving a player for a player and a Draft pick or a player for 2 Draft picks, for example, would not be permitted.
4. Trading of Draft Pick positions must specify the rotation to which the exchange applies – e.g. First selection, second selection. Each selection position counts as a Trade.
5. Trading of Draft Pick positions only applies to the one Draft. For example, Club A trades their First Selection position in the first Draft of the year to Club B in exchange for a player. If the Junior Draft or a second Draft is then held the original Draft Selection positions will be applied to those subsequent Drafts. Club A cannot claim the exchanged selection position in those Drafts.

6. A club can initiate a maximum of 3 Trades in a season. A trading of a Draft Pick is countered a Trade for the purposes of this maximum limit. This is to prevent block movements which could cripple a club in a particular grade if such limits are not applied.

8.5.13.3 Who can initiate a Trade?

1. Only existing club players registered with an IHV club prior to the end of the previous Winter season can nominate to be involved in a Trade. New players to IHV or players entered in the Draft cannot nominate for a Trade.
2. Clubs cannot nominate existing players into the Trade process without the written approval of the player(s) concerned.
3. Players traded within the Draft do not have to provide consent – they have already agreed to go to any club by entering in the Draft and accordingly have no say in any subsequent Trade arrangements done as part of the Draft process.

8.5.13.4 The Process

1. Existing club players must apply to IHV for a Trade, indicating the club they wish to go to and their reasons for wanting to be traded. Trade Nomination Forms can be obtained from IHV.
2. The “From” Club must immediately provide approval to IHV from a financial clearance aspect but is not bound to enter into Trading negotiations if it does not wish to.
3. The “To” Club must immediately confirm they are prepared to consider a Trade.
4. All Trades are subject to IHV approval and the IHV Executive reserves the right to veto any Trade if they deem it to, in anyway breach the Trading rules and regulations, be contrary to a player’s best interests or that of the overall competition.
5. A Club can appeal (in writing) to IHV to reject a Trade arrangement if they believe that the Trade is not in the best interests of the balance of the competition. Such an appeal must be made on in writing and on club letterhead and lodged with the Secretary 48 hours prior to the date of the Draft.
6. Clubs cannot appeal trades conducted as part of the Draft process.
7. Any club or player found to be manipulating or corrupting the Trade process will be subject to severe penalties.

8.5.14 Draft Selection Order

1. The selection order for the first and any subsequent Drafts will be determined by the IHV Executive based on last season finishing positions, Trades, Draft candidate numbers and assessed player skill level, the clubs’ submitted Player Lists, Concession selections being exercised, and the overall balance of the competition.
2. Excessive Forfeits incurred by a club during the previous season may also have an impact of their selection position. See Forfeit Rules.
3. Note: The IHV Executive reserves the right to amend the selection order if necessary when final available Draft numbers and quality assessments have been made.

9. SENIOR NON-CHECKING PLAYER MOVEMENT

9.1 Intent

1. The Senior level is part of the overall IHV competitive Winter Senior structure, and clubs are expected to ensure their Senior teams offer opportunities to senior players wishing to play in this non-checking level. Players, who wish to, should be offered opportunities to continue improving their skills to be able to eventually attempt a move into Premier A and full checking hockey if they so desire.
2. Although wishing to try and maintain the semi social aspect of Senior grades, some controls must also exist in regard to this grade. These controls are in place to:
 - Prevent players/clubs from avoiding the Draft process and entering “Checking” levels via the “back door”.
 - Ensure players having to move up from the Junior level, who do not wish to play checking hockey, have an opportunity to still move into a competitive hockey environment.
3. The Summer Development levels are also part of the overall IHV structure but, due to ice time and available game official’s constraints, is now played in the IHV Summer Season and no longer forms part of the IHV Season Winter League. It is primarily intended to offer opportunities to senior players new to ice hockey or those wishing to be involved at a social level in a non-checking competition. Experienced Juniors reaching Senior age and not wishing to play Senior checking hockey are encouraged to move into Winter Senior as opposed to Summer Development.
4. A player cannot register to play both Winter Senior and Summer Development within the one season. For example, a 2018 registered Winter Senior player wishing to move to the Summer Development Competition in 2018/2019 Summer Comp will not be permitted to return to the subsequent 2019 Premier season unless approved by IHV. See exception below in Article 5.
5. In respect to Article 4 above, a club may list 5 registered Summer players is permitted to register with IHV for the Winter season for the purposes of being a “Summer Emergency” player. For example, a Player, having registered and played in the 2017/2018 Summer League is permitted to register for the 2018 Winter League as a “Emergency” player. Note: A player so registering is NOT assured of playing a game or games in the Winter Season and is only permitted to play in the case of a genuine forfeit avoidance circumstance and selection is at the Club’s discretion.
6. Also, in respect to Article 4, a currently registered player in Senior B, C & D grades may be permitted to move back from Winter competition to Summer competition without needing to sit out the required season if the player is nominated as a “Recreation Player”. This movement is restricted to 5 players per club. Any players moved to Summer cannot return the following Winter season. Clubs must submit lists of their 5 players nominated for movement from Winter to Summer as a Recreational player before June 30th.
7. Junior players obtained via the Junior Draft players can play in Winter Senior games.
8. IHV reserves the right to veto registration of a player in Senior D if it feels their participation will impact the balance of the competition or intimidate others of a lesser skill level.
9. Each “Summer Emergency” player is limited to playing a maximum of five (5) games for the total winter season and is not eligible to play finals.

9.2 MULTIPLE SENIOR B, C & D TEAM PLAYER MOVEMENT

1. If a club has multiple teams within the Senior grades they must provide their Player List for each individual team at the commencement of the season.
2. Consistent with the existing 30th June cut-off, movements will be granted for New Players that can be added to the respective list during the season, but such players must be, existing players returning or via additional IHV Drafts and cannot be included in more than one team list.

3. In instances of Forfeit avoidance, registered “Summer Emergency” players are permitted to play. Such Forfeit instances arising in Senior A should be resolved by use of lower Senior division players and by use of “Summer Emergency” players.
4. Exemptions may be permitted in respect to Goalies if a goalie is injured or unavailable, but such movement is subject to written application to IHV prior to the game taking place.

9.3 Senior B, C & D to Summer Development Player Movement Rules:

1. Players have limited movement between the Senior A, B & C and Summer Development grades even within the same club. Entry into the Winter Senior level is by Draft only and a Winter Senior player cannot play down in Summer Development if they have played the prior IHV Winter season in the any of the Winter Senior grades unless the move is intended as a permanent move to Recreational hockey and prior approval is obtained from IHV.
2. Each club will be allowed to nominate 5 total players from Senior A, B or C divisions to move to Summer Development. This is to both allow players to develop further or to allow room for new developing players to advance. See 9.1.6
3. Clubs wishing to move a Senior player from Winter Senior to Summer Development within their existing club after commencement of the Winter season or payment of registration fees (whichever occurs first) must apply in writing to IHV for approval by 30th June.
4. The player cannot commence playing in the Summer Development grade until written confirmation of approval has been given by IHV. Sufficient notice must be given to IHV to assess and process the request - accordingly a minimum of 5 working days’ notice applies. IHV will advise all clubs of any such dispensations given.
5. Other clubs have the right to appeal any dispensation given if they feel such dispensation will severely impact the balance of the competition. Such appeal must be made in writing on club letterhead to the IHV Secretary within 21 days of notice of the dispensation being granted clearly stating their grounds for appeal. The appeal will be assessed by the IHV Executive and any decision is final.
6. Once a player moves from Winter Senior to Summer Development they cannot resume in Winter Senior competition again until application is made to IHV and approval formally given in writing.
7. Exemptions on Goalies being made available for either grade to cover injuries or unavailability situations are provided for in the existing playing rules.
8. Violation of these rules will result in the player or players being assessed as in eligible and forfeit rules will be applied as well as other possible penalties as deemed appropriate by IHV.

10. Summer Player Moving to Winter

1. Summer Development players are permitted to move into the Senior A, B and C grades without participation in the Senior Non-Checking Draft provided they have completed two years of continuous registration and active participation within that club’s Summer Development grades. Note: Having registered as an Emergency Player for Winter does not override this requirement.
2. Players must be 18 years of age or older as at 31 December the previous year.
3. Clubs must nominate such players prior to the Draft taking place and the player must be registered as a winter Senior player prior to the Draft date as set down by IHV.
4. Summer Development players cannot use this concession to enter directly into the Senior Checking Grade of Premier A and must serve a minimum of one full season in Senior A before being permitted to play in Premier A grade games. Note: This means a player which enters Senior A, B or C grades via this concession is not eligible for the 6 game Premier A concession (see Premier A 5.1.1.2.4).

Special Rules Applicable to female players who cannot play in Checking Under 21 games.

1. Clubs will be permitted to accept (Non-Import) female players aged 18 years and over, who are not already a member of a Senior Club into Senior A, B or C grades without those players being part of the Senior Player Draft process.
2. Such players are still subject to interclub transfer rules and regulations if they were a member of another IHV club during, or prior to, the Winter Season and must complete appropriate transfer application forms if they are applying to switch clubs. Such transfers remain subject to IHV approval.
3. Clubs are encouraged to only select players capable of playing regularly at Winter Senior level – this is a competitive grade and this concession is aimed at female players aiming for State and AWIHL level opportunities.

11. MATCHES FOR PREMIERSHIP

11.1 Round Robin Games

1. Before the start of each season the Committee shall decide the number of inter-club matches to be played in the Premiership competition in each grade.
2. It is understood that some variations can occur because of ice time availability and unforeseen circumstances. Any changes must be approved by the IHV Executive.
3. In all matches Premiership Points for each game will be awarded as follows:
 - Win 2 points
 - Draw 1 point
 - Loss 0 points
4. If a scheduled game does not proceed in a season due to reasons other than a forfeit and the game cannot be rescheduled, the teams will play for double points in their next meeting, or if there is not another scheduled meeting the game will be deemed a draw with a score of 0 - 0.
5. If a game cannot be rescheduled and is deemed by IHV to be a draw both teams must submit a completed electronic team sheet via the player management system within 24 hours of notification by IHV that the game cannot be rescheduled and has been deemed a draw.
6. The electronic team sheet via the player management system must **only** list those players that were actually available to play at the schedule game date and time, not a standard pre-printed list of players. Only those players listed on the submitted team sheet will have the game recorded as a “game played”
7. Failure to submit the required team sheet within the specified time period will result the game being ineligible for inclusion in calculating “games played” counts for players.
8. If a team sheet is submitted which contains an ineligible player, the club will be deemed to have played that player and will be subject to the appropriate penalties as if the game had taken place.

11.2 Round Robin Game Times

1. The following are the game time regulations applicable for the winter season. Please note these maybe subject to change at short notice.
2. Stop time - Within the last 2 minutes of Regulation time in the 3rd period, if the score difference is within 2 goals - stop time will begin. If at any point during the last 2 minutes the score becomes 2 goals difference - stop time will begin. Once stop time has started it continues until the end of the game.

Grade	Warm Up	Periods	Period Break	Stop Time	Time Outs (in finals only)
Under 15	3 MIN	3 X 15 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN (if score within 2 goals)	NO
Under 21	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN (if score within 2 goals)	NO
Senior B, C & D	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN (if score within 2 goals)	NO
Premier A	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN (if score within 2 goals)	NO

12. FINALS SERIES

12.1 General

1. At the conclusion of the season of Round Robin inter-club matches, a series of finals matches to decide the Premiership for each grade will be played.
2. At the time of fixing the playing schedule in each season the Committee will decide the number of games to be played in the Grand Final series referred to in these sub-clauses.
3. No team is to be allowed to play in final series if they have not paid all outstanding fees before their last home & away game
4. Any disputes of any kind regarding the final series will be decided by the Committee.

12.2 Play-off Determination

1. In the event of the scheduled number of inter-team matches not being completed by the end of the season, the final standing of each team on the ladder will be determined by calculating the proportion of goals scored for and against each team using the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage} = (\text{goals for}) / (\text{goals for} + \text{goals against}) \times 100$$

2. The team having the highest proportion shall be assigned first place on the ladder with the other teams being placed in descending order according to their results.
3. If tied, then match results between tied teams will determine placings.
4. Notwithstanding (a) above, final standings for play-offs will be determined as follows:
 - Highest points earned in round robin;
 - If tied, then match results between tied teams will determine placings;
 - If still tied, then the highest percentage from all games in the round robin will determine placings, using the following formula:
 - Percentage = (goals for)/ (goals for + goals against) x 100

12.3 Finals Format

1. Finals series for Premiership competitions will be conducted as follows:
 1. A Semi Final game (known as 'The First Semi Final') will be played between the first and second positioned teams with the winner going to the Grand Final series and the loser to the Preliminary Final
 2. A second Semi Final game (known as 'The Second Semi Final') will be played between the third and fourth placed teams with the winner going to the Preliminary Final and the loser being eliminated and declared the fourth placed team
 3. The winner of the Preliminary Final game will go into the Grand Final series against the Winner of the First Quarter Final. The Loser will be declared the third placed team.

12.4 Grand Finals Series

1. The result of the Grand Final match or series will decide the Premiership.
2. Subject to availability of ice time and officials the Grand Final will be played as a best of three game series.
3. The first team to win two (2) of the three games will be declared the winner and Competition Premier, the loser will be declared the Runner-up.
4. Finals games will be scheduled at the discretion of IHV.

12.5 Player qualification for Finals

1. Once a player has played 8 games (majority of the season) in one grade, that grade is determined to be their finals grade.
2. A maximum of 3 skaters and 1 goalkeeper from the direct lower grade may be used to supplement numbers for a finals game in addition to their base grade finals games. Such players are permitted to partake in the finals game in their qualified grade.
3. In order to qualify, they need to have played 8 games in that grade, but these 8 games do not have to be consecutive or from the beginning of the season
4. Once 8 games have been completed, the player is ineligible to 'play down' in the last 3 rounds of the competition season.
5. Prior to and beyond 8 games having been completed in a particular grade, the player can play up a grade where required at any time
6. If a player fails to meet the minimum games for any division, they will be ineligible for finals participation.
7. For Premier A Finals each team must, at least 5 days prior to the commencement of the first finals series games, submit their proposed player roster of qualifying Premier A players that they wish to use for the Premier A finals. The roster must consist of no more than 20 players and 2 goalies. Only players listed on this roster will be permitted to play in the finals series. This list can only include Premier A qualified players and a maximum of 3 Senior B qualified skaters and 1 qualified goalie from a lower grade.

12.6 Home Team Determination

1. The determination of which team is "Home", and which is "Away" is decided by the finishing position within the regular season with the team finishing higher on the ladder as the "Home Team"
2. In the first semi (1st plays 2nd) the 1st place winner is the "Home" team. In the second semi (3rd plays 4th) the 3rd place getter is the "Home" team

3. In the Preliminary Final the loser of the 1st Semi is the "Home" team
4. In the Grand Final series:
 1. Game 1 the winner of the first Semi Final (and who thus entered the GF first) is the "Home" team
 2. Game 2 the situation is reversed, and the winner of the Preliminary finals designated the "Home" team
 3. Game 3 reverts to same as Game 1

12.7 Overtime

12.7.1 Grand Finals

1. In Grand Final games if, at the end of regulation time, there is a tie the game will be played out with series of 10 minute "Sudden Death" periods.
2. There will be a maximum of 2 overtime periods, both 10 minutes, First OT period to be played "4 on 4" and Second OT period to be played "3 on 3".
3. The overtime period will cease upon a team scoring a goal;
4. The scoring team will be declared the winner;
5. Time Outs will be permitted, one 30 second time out per team per game
6. There will be a change of ends after each 5-minute period is completed;
7. If at the end of this, scores are still tied, a Penalty Shoot Out will occur.

12.7.2 Semi & Preliminary Finals

Because of time restraints applicable to Semi & Preliminary Finals, if at the end of Regulation Time there is a tie the result will be determined as follows:

1. A **single** "Sudden Death" overtime period on a maximum of 10 minutes of "4 on 4" will be played.
2. Time Outs will be permitted, one 30 second time out per team per game
3. The overtime period will cease upon a team scoring a goal;
4. The scoring team will be declared the winner;
5. If at the end of this, scores are still tied, a Penalty Shoot Out will occur.

12.7.3 Penalty Shoot Out Game Winning Procedure:

1. Before the commencement of the Grand, Semi or Preliminary game, each team will nominate in writing, from the players registered on the Game Sheet, (by name and jersey number) one (1) goalkeeper and the five (5) players in the order in which they will shoot;
2. Players serving penalties imposed during the game (including overtime) and/or shooting competition must remain in the penalty box or in the change room until the end of the competition;
3. Once named, the players may only be replaced in the event of injury or penalty. The substitute player from the registered team list will be placed last in the shooting order;
4. The goalkeepers will defend the goal closest to their team's player bench;
5. The team designated as the home team can select to shoot first or second;
6. The winner will be determined by the number of goals scored;

7. If, after this round of shots the teams are still equal, "Sudden Death" shots will be taken until, after each pairing, one shooter has scored, and the other shooter failed to score.
8. The same goalie and players which participated in the first round must compete in this Sudden Death round with players shooting in the same order (subject to rule c) above). For this second round the Home team will take the first shot.
9. The official scorer shall record all shots taken indicating the players and goalkeepers and goals scored.

13. FORFEIT RULES

13.1 Basic Rules

1. A team will be deemed to have forfeited a game where:
 1. A Member Club fails to field a team for a scheduled game. (See 'Minimum Numbers' requirements.)
 1. The referee will adjudicate on whether the minimum player number requirement is met.
 2. If minimum player numbers are not met at the scheduled start time, the game clock starts but the puck is not dropped.
 3. If the required players arrive at the bench within 2 minutes of the clock starting, the game will proceed with the assessment of a Delay of Game penalty and the game continues.
 4. If the required players have not arrived at the bench within 2 minutes of the clock starting, the game is declared a forfeit and the officials leave the ice taking no further part.
 2. A Member Club fields a team which contains an ineligible player. An Ineligible player is defined as:
 1. A player not correctly registered with IHV
 2. A player who does not meet the age/gender/qualification restrictions applicable to the grade of the game (unless granted formal dispensation by IHV – Refer Dispensation Rules)
 3. A player serving a suspension penalty – Refer Suspension rules
 4. A player deemed to have outstanding debts owed to IHV
 5. A player not meeting finals qualification requirements
 6. A player exceeding the permissible number of Imports per game. In this instance ALL import players playing in the game will be deemed ineligible
 3. A Member Club fails to supply a minimum of 1 responsible off ice official on the bench to monitor player safety, and/or fails to supply an off-ice official for the penalty box.
 4. A Member Club plays a game when their payments are more than two weeks behind the scheduled payment date, as set down by the Committee.
 5. A Member club fails to list an accredited coach prior to the commencement of a game. A coach is considered accredited if they have committed to attending the next IHV coaching course and have not breached rule 3.6 (5).
2. In addition to forfeiting the game the following additional financial penalties will be levied against the Member Club.
 1. If a Member Club fails to field a team for a scheduled game without giving 72 hours prior notice to IHV of their intent to forfeit, it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST).
 2. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player not correctly registered with IHV it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 3. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player who does not meet the age, or gender, or game qualification restrictions applicable to the grade of the game (unless granted formal dispensation by IHV (Refer Dispensation Rules) it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)

4. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player serving a suspension penalty (Refer Suspension rules) it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 5. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player deemed to have outstanding debts owed to IHV it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 6. If a Member Club fields a team which contains a player not meeting finals qualification requirements it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
 7. If a Member Club fields a team which contains more than the maximum permissible number of IMPORT players (refer Import Rules) it will be subject to a fine of \$330.00 (inclusive of GST)
3. Where a game is declared a forfeit;
1. The score will be declared 0 – 5 against the team forfeiting. The non-forfeiting team will be awarded 2 Premiership points
 2. Where both teams forfeit the game, the score will be declared 0 – 0
 3. A forfeiting team will also have four (4) additional premiership points deducted from their tally. If both teams forfeit, then both will lose 4 points each.
 4. The Club of a forfeiting team will be subject to a fine as per above.
 5. Where a Member Club fails to field a team for a scheduled game the Non-Forfeiting Club must submit a completed team sheet to IHV within 24 hours of the scheduled game date, detailing those players who were available to play if the game had gone ahead.
 6. The team sheet must **only** list those players that were actually available to play at the scheduled game date and time, not a standard pre-printed list of players. Only those players listed on the submitted team sheet will have the game recorded as a “game played”
 7. Failure to submit the required team sheet within the specified time period will result the game being ineligible for inclusion in calculating “games played” counts for players.
 8. If a team sheet is submitted which contains an ineligible player, the club will be deemed to have played that player and will be subject to the appropriate penalties as if the game had taken place.
4. Where it is declared, after the game has been played, that a team has forfeited the match the following will apply.
5. For the purposes of these forfeiture regulations “Member Club” shall also include any “Junior Hockey” Team although the financial penalties do not apply.

13.2 Single Team Offending

13.2.1 Game Result

1. As per clause 1.) above, the offending team will have their result score recorded as zero and will lose 4 (four) premiership competition points.
2. Regardless of the number of goals the non-offending team scored their score will be recorded as 5 goals.

13.2.2 Player and Goalie Statistics

1. All individual player statistics for both teams will be lost.
2. The game will be counted as a “game played” for all players on the non-offending team but not for those on the offending team.

13.2.3 Penalties

1. All penalties awarded during the game will stand and all players/team officials subject to disciplinary actions arising there from as per IHV Rules and Regulations.

13.3 Both Teams Offending

13.3.1 Game Result

1. As per clause ii) above, the game will be recorded as a forfeit against both teams
2. The score will be deemed a nil all draw (0 – 0) but no Premiership points will be awarded
3. Both teams will lose 4 (four) premierships competition points.

13.3.2 Player/Goalie Statistics

1. All individual player statistics for both teams will be lost.
2. The game will not count as a “Game Played”

13.3.3 Penalties

1. All penalties awarded during the game will stand and all players/team officials subject to disciplinary rules and actions arising there from as per IHV rules and regulations.

13.4 Impact on Draft Selections

13.4.1 Excessive Forfeits

2. Where a club incurs more than 3 Forfeits in a season their Draft Selection position, as determined by the agreed formula, for the following Season’s Player Draft(s) may be adjusted if deemed appropriate by the IHV Executive.

14. Statistics

1. The following statistics are to be kept for all IHV Premierships:
 - game results,
 - team standings,
 - point scorers,
 - penalty minutes,
 - Games played
 - goalkeeper statistics, i.e.
 1. Save % - (Total Shots minus Goals) divided by (Total Shots),
 2. G.A.A. - (Total Goals) divided by (Total Minutes Played), and
- NOTE: Goalkeepers must play a minimum of 5 games to eligible for an award.

15. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

1. All players must keep their helmets on until they leave the Ice Surface. They may be told once by the referee or linesperson to put on their helmet, if they refuse they will be given a Game Misconduct Penalty.
2. If not above Under 21 playing age (20 years and under) a player must pass an IHV evaluation before they can play in IHV Competitions.
3. Players involved in Under 21 need to be aware and comply with the IHA’s Prohibitive Substance Policy when participating in IHV Premierships. This responsibility will be confirmed by signature when submitting the Team Entry Form. (Under 15 is not required to comply with this requirement.)
4. Any reported damages or offences to any public property, other than accidental, will be paid by the IHV and those costs will be recovered from the offending team’s Club. Failure to pay for damages will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offending player/team/Club.