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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 All alterations enacted or amended by the Committee shall remain in force until amended or rescinded by a subsequent Committee meeting.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 (IIHF), 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 which 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 Minor 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 programs 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 or IHV Junior Vice President may appeal to the Committee for a review of a decision within seven (7) days of that decision being made 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 or the IHV Junior Vice President. 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, 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 Committee 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, Team Managers, Office Holders, Volunteers, Spectators 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 and Ethics;
 - Do not use their involvement with IHV or a Member State Association or Club to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of IHV and its parent body 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 Registration Application for each playing season prior to participation (Esportsdesk). 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 IHV Member Registration Application and IHA Member Registration Application via the player management system, Esportsdesk, 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- and 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 utilised 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 Player 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 Import Players 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 30 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 Committee.

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 Registration Application lodged in the IHA's office (Esportsdesk). 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 IIHF, 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 1 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 IIHF Referee Facilitator.
4. Rates and Fees to be paid to Referees and Linespersons by IHV on behalf of its Members and Teams for officiating at ice hockey games, including travel allowances and parking contribution where appropriate shall be determined by the Committee.
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 Committee's consideration and approval.
6. The current game rates are:
 - Premier A Referee \$50 and Linespersons \$35 each;
 - Senior B Referee \$40 and Linespersons \$25 each;
 - Senior C and D Referee \$40 and Linespersons \$25 each;
 - Under 18 Checking Referee \$40 and Linespersons \$25 each;
 - Under 15 Checking Referee \$30 and Linespersons \$20 each;
 - Under 12 Referee \$25 and Linespersons \$20 each.Special Events (to be at the Premier A rate)
7. Parking contribution rate:
Docklands Parking to be paid at Secure Parking's current cost on provision of a parking receipt.

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 Teams for officiating at Premier A, Senior B, C and D and Minor ice hockey games and Docklands parking contribution where appropriate shall be determined by the Committee.
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 Committee's consideration and approval.
3. The current game rates are:
 - Premier A Scorer and Timekeeper \$25 each;
 - Senior B, C and D Scorer and Timekeeper \$20 each;
 - Under 18 Checking Scorer and Timekeeper \$20 each;
 - Under 15 Checking Scorer and Timekeeper \$20 each;
 - Under 12 Scorer and Timekeeper \$20 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 on provision of a parking receipt.

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 IHA and IIHF, 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.
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2.2 Safety Equipment

1. As approved by IHA General Assembly, the following are additional rules relating to the wearing of safety equipment whilst playing ice hockey in Australia (and therefore Victoria).
 - **Mouth guards**
 - *Rule 31. ix.* All skaters in the age category Under-20 must wear a mouth guard..
 - **Player's Face Mask or Visor**
 - It is recommended that all Players wear a full-face mask or visor;
 - Players born after 31 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 and 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 years and 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 and 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 years and under National Championships.
2. *Rule 128. ii.* The team of a player who participates in game action with illegal equipment will first be issued a warning by the referee. Failure to comply with the warning to adjust, replace, or secure any equipment as per the referee's instructions will mean any player from that team subsequently violating rules for dangerous equipment will be assessed a misconduct penalty.
3. IHA Goalkeepers 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 Goalkeepers 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 game team list will be permitted on the Players' bench. A minimum of one (1) and a maximum of four (4) Team Officials may be on the bench. IHV recommends at least one (1) official with medical training. All Players nominated on the game team list 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 17 years 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 Mixed Ice Hockey

1. In IHA and IHV females and males over 18 years may play in mixed Non-Checking Senior competitions – IHV Senior B, Senior C, Senior D and Recreational grades and sanctioned Non-Checking events.
2. Females and males may play mixed Checking hockey up until the age of 18 years. 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 the 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. They will not be allowed to play (in any grade) until they have 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 IIHF 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 Committee, 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 Clauses 1.2.4 and 1.2.5 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 three (3) Leagues:
Winter Leagues
 - IHV Senior League
 - IHV Minor Hockey League
 - IHV Women's League.
2. The Minor Hockey 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 (also known as Winter League) is for the sole purpose of a maximum of one (1) 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 (2) 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 (1) 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 Clause 3.6.4 above, failure to attend the next available IHV Coaching Course during the year of competition will result in the coach becoming unaccredited and therefore cannot be utilised as a Coach until they complete an accreditation course.
6. All current certified IHV Coaches must complete an IHV Refresher Coaching Course every two (2) years prior to 1 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 Player Team List including jersey numbers via the player management system (Esportsdesk) 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the game. Providing an incorrect Player 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 Minor Hockey League.

4.1 IHV Premier A

1. This League is administered by the IHV Executive, the IHV Committee and the IHV Affiliated Clubs and has four grades Premier A, Senior B, C and 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 IHV.
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable Players to move up to the Australian Ice Hockey League (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 17 years old and over as at 1 October the previous year.
2. Male Players who were 16 years old as at 1 October the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a Club. These Players are limited to those Players drafted in the Senior Draft under the terms specified in Clause 8.2.4.2.
3. Females are permitted to play as a Goalkeeper only.
4. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Braves

- Demons
 - Saints
 - Jets
 - 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 Goalkeeper 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 IHV’s Senior League.
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

1. Open to all Players 17 years old and over as at 1 October the previous year.
2. All Players who were 16 years old as at 1 October the previous year are eligible to play if they have been drafted by a Club. These Players are limited to those Players drafted in the Senior Draft under the terms specified in Clause 8.2.4.2.
3. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Blackhawks
 - Jets
 - Braves
 - Saints
 - Demons
 - Sharks

- Most Valuable Player John Thomas Trophy
- High Points Scorer Ivo Vesely Trophy
- Best Goalkeeper Peter Cavanagh Trophy
- Best Defenseman Eric Theobald Trophy.

4.2 IHV Minor Hockey League

1. This League is administered by the Committee and consists of three (3) grades as follows:

4.2.1 Under 18 Checking

4.2.1.1 Objectives

The objectives for Under 18 Checking grade are set out below:

1. To be the Premier level of Minor Checking Ice Hockey within IHV.
2. Provide an appropriate level of competition to enable Players to move up to the IHV Senior 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 18-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 Under 18 Players into the IHV Club environment.
9. Refine fundamental ice 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 18 Players can afford to participate.

4.2.1.2 Regulations

1. For Players who will be 17 years or younger up to the end of the playing season. If a Player turns 18 before 1 October of the current year, they will not be permitted to play in the Under 18 Checking competition unless granted an exemption by the Committee.
2. Consists of the following Teams:

- Raiders
- Bears.
- Tigers

The number of Teams will depend on Player numbers.

3. Body contact (subject to game rules) permitted.
4. Slap shots (stick above the knee) permitted.
5. The winner of the Under 18 Grand Final series will be awarded the “**Eric Charman Memorial Trophy**”.
6. The original IHV Trophy remains the property of the IHV.
7. 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 1950s and 1960s.)
 - Best Goalkeeper Reid/McLoughlin
 - Best Defenseman.

4.2.2 Under 15

4.2.2.1 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 Under 18 Checking competition 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 ice hockey skills, including skating, puck handling, passing and receiving, shooting and stick-checking.
10. Introduce and develop goaltending through Goalkeeper-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.

4.2.2.2 Regulations

1. For Players turning 12–14 years within the current year. If a Player turns 15 before 1 October of the current year, they will not be permitted to play in the Under 15 competition unless granted an exemption by the Committee.
2. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Raiders
 - Bears.
 - TigersThe number of Teams will depend upon Player numbers.
3. 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 “**Robert Blackburn 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 Goalkeeper
 - Best Defenseman.

4.2.3 Under 12

4.2.3.1 Objectives

The objectives for Under 12 grade are set out below:

1. Provide an environment that is purely focused on developing basic ice 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.

4.2.3.2 Regulations

1. For Players turning 4–11 years within the current year. If a player turns 12 before 1 October of the current year, they will not be permitted to play in the Under 12 competition unless granted an exemption by the Committee.
2. Consists of the following Teams:
 - Raiders
 - Bears.
 - TigersThe 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 overtax 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 12 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 Goalkeeper
 - Best Defenseman.

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 (1) 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 Senior League after 12.00 pm on 30 June of the year of competition.

5.1.1.1 Premier A

1. The age requirements for Premier A are outlined in Clauses 4.1.1.2.1 and 4.1.1.2.2 of these Regulations.
2. Females are permitted to play as a Goalkeeper only.

5.1.1.2 Senior B

1. The age requirements for Senior B are outlined in Clauses 4.1.2.2.1 and 4.1.2.2.2. Players on a current AIHL Teams Player roster or Players who were on an AIHL playing roster in the immediate preceding year (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Senior B games.
2. 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 the loss of Premiership Points.

5.1.1.3 Senior C

1. The age requirements for Senior C are outlined in Clause 4.1.3.2.1.
2. Players on a current AIHL Player roster or Players who were on an AIHL playing roster in the immediate preceding year (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Senior C games.
3. 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.
4. If a Player plays any games of Premier A in a season, they are no longer eligible to play in Senior C in that season. The IHV Executive reserves the right to grant a special exemption to this rule for Goalkeepers.
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 Season 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 nine (9) or less skaters in a game excluding that Summer Player.

5.1.1.4 Senior D

1. The age requirements for Senior D are outlined in Clause 4.1.4.2.1.
2. Players on a current AIHL Player roster or Players who were on an AIHL playing roster in the immediate preceding year (as advised by Melbourne Ice and Melbourne Mustangs) shall not be permitted to participate in Senior D games.
3. If a Player plays any games of Premier A or Senior B in a season, they are no longer eligible to play in Senior D in that season. The IHV Executive reserves the right to grant a special exemption to this rule for Goalkeepers.
4. 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 or D game remains subject to the conditions of clause 7.3.2

5.1.2 Import Players

1. Member Clubs are limited to a maximum of 12 Import Players, including Goalkeepers. (See General Matters Section Rule 6 for definition of an Import Player.)
2. A maximum of five (5) Import Players, including Goalkeepers, are permitted to play in any one Premier (Premier A, Senior B, C and D)-level game.
3. An Import Player suspended from play for whatever reason shall be included in the player limits, define in Clause 5.1.2.1 and 5.1.2.2 above, for the period they are suspended.
4. Import Players must be flagged on the player management system.
5. As with inter-Club transfers (via the Draft or via IHV direct approval) a permit to play in the IHV Premiership will not be granted to Import Players who are not registered by 12.00 midnight on 30 June.

5.2 Junior

5.2.1 Under 18

1. Under 18 Checking is open to both male and female Players.
2. Age qualifications:
 - For Players aged 15–17 years old. Refer to Clause 4.2.1.2.1.

5.2.2 Under 15

1. Open to both male and female Players.
2. Age qualifications:
 - For Players turning 12–14 years within the current year. Refer to Clause 4.2.2.2.1.

5.2.3 Under 12

1. Open to both male and female Players.
2. Age qualifications:
 - For Players turning 4–11 years within the current year. Refer to Clause 4.2.3.2.1.

5.3 Minor League Dispensations

1. IHV may, under certain circumstances, grant dispensations to Junior Players to play below their age group.
 1. Such dispensations are given on the basis of the Individual Player's ability only.
 2. 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 Committee, 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 list, this can be seven (7) Players or six (6) Players and one (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 one (1) Goalkeeper as a minimum to provide at least three (3) forward lines and three (3) defence lines in order to provide the highest level of game possible. Teams are further encouraged to also field a back-up Goalkeeper where possible.

6.2 Senior B, C and D and Under 18

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 seven (7) Players or six (6) Players and one (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 seven (7) Players or six (6) Players and one (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. 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 seven (7) Players or six (6) Players and one (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.

7. Player Team Lists

7.1 Premier A

1. Each Premier A Team will be required to submit a complete Player Team List (a minimum of 13 Players and one (1) Goalkeeper) to the IHV Secretary five (5) days prior to the commencement of Round 1. This Player Team List must be reflected in the player management system.
2. The purpose of the Player Team 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. The Players nominated on the list will be assessed as requiring to be registered as Premier A Players.
 4. Alterations to the Player Team List will be managed through the player management system as per these Game Regulations.
 5. **Once** a Player plays eight (8) Premier A games they will be assessed as a Premier A Player and are ineligible to play in any of the last three (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 Team List of a minimum of 15 Players including at least one (1) Goalkeeper. This must be reflected in the player management system.
2. 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.
3. **Once** a Player plays eight (8) Senior B games they will be assessed as a Senior B Player and are ineligible to play in any of the last three (3) competition rounds or the Finals of Senior C.

7.3 Senior C and D

1. Each Senior C and D Team will be required to submit to IHV five (5) days prior to the commencement of Round 1, Senior C and D Player Team List of a minimum of 15 Players including at least one (1) Goalkeeper. 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 Goalkeeper) for Senior C or 16 Players (including Goalkeeper) 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. The purpose of the Active List is to:
 - Enable IHV to assess the strength of each Senior C and D Team to ensure balance in Draft allocations;
 - Ensure the minimum required number of Senior C and 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.
4. **Once** a Player plays eight (8) Senior C games they will be assessed as a Senior C Player and are ineligible to play in any of the last three (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, C and D).
2. There will no longer be a separate Junior Draft. Minor Hockey League Players may enter the Senior Draft if they turn 18 before 1 October of that season.
3. The Senior Draft regulations apply equally to male and female Players.

8.2 Senior Draft

1. The Senior 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 they actually play in (subject to IHV Oversight) except as outlined in 8.2.4.3.22 below.
3. The Draft Selection order is determined based on Club finishing positions in Premier A and Senior B in the immediately preceding Winter Season including the results of finals. The calculation will be based on the aggregate finishing position in both leagues. The Club with the highest aggregate positional points gets first Draft Selection in each round. The Club with the lowest aggregate positional points gets the last Draft selection in each round. For example; if Club A's Premier A team finished third and Senior B team finished fourth, they will have a total of seven (7) points. If Club B's Premier A finished first and Senior B finished fifth, they have a total of six (6) points. Club A will have a Draft Selection before Club B. If two Clubs have the same aggregate number of points, then the Club who finished lower in Premier A gets the earlier Draft Selection.
4. Age qualifications
 1. Players must be 18 years or older before 1 October of the year of the Draft.
 2. Players who turn 17 before 1 October of the year of the Draft may apply for dispensation to enter that year's Draft under the following conditions:
 1. Parental consent must be given to IHV in writing.
 2. The Players' ability and maturity to play in Seniors must be assessed and approved by the IHV Junior Vice President and the IHV Coaching Director. Players will only be granted dispensation if their ability and maturity clearly enable them to play in either the Premier A or Senior B Divisions. If drafted they will be ineligible to play in either Senior C or Senior D in that year.
5. Any Player who is unfinancial with either a Club or the IHV will be ineligible to enter the Draft while debts remain outstanding.
6. All 18 and under Minor Hockey graduates who enter the Draft and who are financial must be drafted in the first year they enter the Draft. A Club is not allowed to pass on a Draft Selection while a Minor League graduate is available for selection unless an agreement is in place with another Club to guarantee the Player's selection. All Minor Hockey Players who are drafted must be offered a playing position in IHV Senior Hockey that Winter Season.

8.3 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).
2. The Draft enables:
- Minor Hockey League graduates to be selected by an IHV Club for the IHV Senior League;
 - Existing Premier and Senior 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 Minor Hockey level (as defined by IHV) to be drafted into an IHV Club.

8.4 Terms and Conditions

8.4.1 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.

8.4.2 Summer Development Players

1. Summer Development Players are permitted to move into the Winter League without participation in the Senior Draft provided they have completed two (2) years of continuous registration and active participation within that Club's Recreation grade (Summer Development Players). Note: Registering as an Emergency Player for the current Winter Season does not override this requirement.
2. Players must be 22 years of age or older as at 1 October 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.

8.4.3 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 conditions, do not apply then the Player must enter the Draft.

8.4.4 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. Players from the Senior Recreational League who did not play in the Summer Feeder Division, the Summer Conference 1 or the Summer Conference 2 of the most recent Summer Season are ineligible to participate in the Winter Drafts.
4. A Player must be 18 years or older before 1 October of the year of the Draft unless granted dispensation outlined in Clause 8.2.4.
5. All outstanding debts to a Player's previous Club and/or IHV must have been settled in full prior to the Player being accepted into the Draft.

8.4.5 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 Minor League Player can participate in the Senior League competitions unless they have been through the IHV Club Senior Draft or unless they qualify as a Summer Development Players as outlined in Clause 8.4.2.

8.4.6 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 five (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 round Draft Selection 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 position they will use to select the Players in question. Depending on the number of Players available in the Draft lower level selection positions cannot be guaranteed.

8.4.7 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 Clause 8.4.12 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.

8.4.8 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 or Senior-level ice hockey.

8.4.9 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 new Senior Player not aligned to a Club is not drafted, they continue to be eligible to play in the Senior Recreational League. If a Player, new to IHV, nominates for Premier A selection only and is subsequently not selected during the first round Draft and does not wish to be considered for the second round Draft, provision is made for a refund of their registration fee.

8.4.10 New Players arriving between Drafts

1. No IHV Club can directly accept registration of a Player to an IHV Senior League Team. New Players can only be assigned via the Draft process.
2. There will typically be only one Draft per season. The Committee may choose to hold a Supplemental Draft in exceptional circumstances if supported by the majority of IHV Clubs.

8.4.11 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. 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.
4. Consistent with the existing 30 June cut-off, no inter-Team movements or draftings will be granted for the current season after 30 June.

8.4.12 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, suspensions and/or fines as determined by the IHV Executive.

8.4.13 Trades

8.4.13.1 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 selection 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.

8.4.13.2 What can be Traded?

1. Existing Senior Players, Senior Draft Selection 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 Selection or a Player for two (2) Draft Selections, for example, would not be permitted.
4. Trading of Draft Selection 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 Selection 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 a second Draft is then held the original Draft Selection positions will be applied to that subsequent Draft. Club A cannot claim the exchanged selection position in a subsequent Draft.
6. A Club can only complete a maximum of six (6) Trades in a season.

8.4.13.3 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.

8.4.13.4 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.

8.4.14 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 as outlined in Clause 8.2.3. Excessive forfeits incurred by a Club during the previous season may also have an impact of their selection position. See Forfeit Rules.
2. Note: The Committee reserves the right to amend the selection order if necessary when final available Draft numbers and quality assessments have been made in order to aid the overall balance of the competition.

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 Checking ice 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 Minor Hockey level, who do not wish to play Checking ice hockey, have an opportunity to still move into a competitive ice 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 Summer Season and no longer forms part of the Senior 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 ice hockey are encouraged to move into Senior League as opposed to Summer Development.
4. A Player cannot register to play both Senior League and Summer Development within the one (1) season. For example, a 2018-registered Winter Senior Player wishing to move to the Summer Development competition in 2018/2019 Summer Season will not be permitted to return to the subsequent 2019 Premier season unless approved by IHV. See exception below in Clause 9.1.5.
5. In respect to Clause 9.1.4 above, a Club may list five (5) registered Summer Players who are 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 2018/2019 Summer League is permitted to register for the 2019 Senior 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 Clause 9.1.4, a currently registered Player in Senior B, C and D grades may be permitted to move back from Senior League to Senior Recreational League without needing to sit out the required season if the Player is nominated as a "Recreation Player". This movement is restricted to five (5) Players per Club. Any Players moved to Summer Season cannot return the following Winter Season. Clubs must submit lists of their five (5) Players nominated for movement from Winter to Summer as a Recreational Player before September 30.
7. IHV reserves the right to veto registration of a Player in Senior B, C or D if it feels their participation will impact the balance of the competition or intimidate others of a lesser skill level.
8. 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 and D Team Player Movement

1. If a Club has multiple Teams within the Senior grades, they must provide their Player Team List for each Individual Team at the commencement of the season.
2. Consistent with the existing 30 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 (1) Player Team List.
3. In instances of forfeit avoidance, registered Summer Emergency Players are permitted to play. Such forfeit instances arising should be resolved by use of lower Senior Division Players and by use of Summer Emergency Players. Please note Summer Emergency Players are ineligible to play Premier A. A Summer Emergency Player can only play in Senior B in exceptional circumstances and dispensation must be provided by the Committee.
4. Exemptions may be permitted in respect to Goalkeepers if a Goalkeeper 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 and D to Summer Development Player Movement Rules

1. Players have limited movement between the Senior B, C and D 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 Senior Recreational League and prior approval is obtained from IHV.
2. Each Club will be allowed to nominate five (5) total Players from Senior B, C or D 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 Clause 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 30 September.
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 five (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 a Goalkeeper 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 ineligible 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 B, C and D grades without participation in the Senior Non-Checking Draft provided they have completed two (2) years of continuous registration and active participation within that Club's Summer Development grades. Note: Having registered as an Emergency Player for Winter Season does not override this requirement.
2. Players must be 22 years of age or older as at 30 September the previous year. This minimum age is set to ensure that Players from the Minor Hockey League do not enter the League via the Summer Development Player concession instead of via the Senior Draft.
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 B before being permitted to play in any Premier A grade games.

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 game 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 game 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 game team sheet will have the game recorded as a "game played".
7. Failure to submit the required game 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 game 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

- The following are the Game Time Regulations applicable for the Winter Season. Please note these maybe subject to change at short notice.
- Stop time within the last two (2) minutes of Regulation Time in the third period.

Grade	Warm Up	Periods	Period Break	Stop Time	Time Outs (in Finals only)
Under 12	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN in 3 rd PERIOD	NO
Under 15	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN in 3 rd PERIOD	NO
Under 18	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN in 3 rd PERIOD	NO
Senior B, C & D	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN in 3 rd PERIOD	NO
Premier A	3 MIN	3 X 18 MIN	1 MIN	2 MIN in 3 rd PERIOD	NO

12. Finals Series

12.1 General

- 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.
- 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 clauses.
- No Team is to be allowed to play in Final series if they have not paid all outstanding fees before their last Home and Away game.
- Any disputes of any kind regarding the Final series will be decided by the Committee.

12.2 Play-off Determination

- 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:

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

- 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.
- If tied, then match results between tied Teams will determine placings.
- Notwithstanding Clause 12.2.1 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:

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

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 (3) 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 more than 50% of the games (i.e. 8 games in a 15-game season, 11 games in a 20-game season) in one (1) grade, that grade is determined to be their Finals grade.
2. A maximum of three (3) Players and one (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, a Player needs to have played a minimum of 50% of the games (i.e. 8 games in a 15-game season) in that grade, but these games do not have to be consecutive or from the beginning of the season.
4. Once a Player has qualified for finals in a grade (i.e. 8 games in a 15-game season), the Player is ineligible to play in a lower grade in the last three (3) rounds of the competition season.
5. Prior to and beyond a Player qualifying for finals 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 five (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 two (2) Goalkeepers**. 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 three (3) Senior B qualified skaters and one (1) qualified Goalkeeper 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 (first plays second) the first place winner is the Home Team. In the second Semi (third plays fourth) the third place getter is the Home Team.

3. In the Preliminary Final the loser of the first 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 Grand Final 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 two (2) overtime periods, both 10 minutes. First overtime period to be played "4 on 4" and second overtime 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 10-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 and Preliminary Finals

Because of time restraints applicable to Semi and 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 team 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 Player 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 Goalkeeper and Players which participated in the first round must compete in this Sudden Death round with Players shooting in the same order (subject to Clause 12.7.3.3 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 two (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 two (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 to 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 Import Players 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 one (1) Registered Adult 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 (2) 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 Clause 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, 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 win be awarded two (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 four (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 game 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 game team sheet 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 game team sheet will have the game recorded as a “game played”.
 7. Failure to submit the required game team list within the specified time period will result the game being ineligible for inclusion in calculating “games played” counts for Players.
 8. If a game team list 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 Rules, “Member Club” shall also include any “Minor Hockey” Team although the financial penalties do not apply.

13.2 Single Team Offending

13.2.1 Game Result

1. As per Clause 13.1.3.11 above, the Offending Team will have their result score recorded as zero and will lose four (4) Premiership Points.
2. Regardless of the number of goals the Non-Offending Team scored their score will be recorded as five (5) goals.

13.2.2 Player and Goalkeeper 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 13.1.3.2 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 four (4) Premiership Points.

13.3.2 Player/Goalkeeper 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

1. Where a Club incurs more than three (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;
 - and Goalkeeper statistics, i.e.

- Save % (Total Shots minus Goals) divided by (Total Shots);
- G.A.A. (Total Goals) divided by (Total Minutes Played).

NOTE: Goalkeepers must play a minimum of five (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. Any new Player Under 18 years of age must pass an IHV evaluation before they can play in IHV competitions.
3. Players involved in Under 18s 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 15s are 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.