ACT MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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MONDAY NIGHT GAME ROUTINE & RULE CHANGES

This document outlines the routine to be applied by all Teams and Officials participating in the Monday Night Masters Hockey Competition.

Game Routine

1. All Games are conducted in accordance with the Rules of Hockey, as laid down by FIH, and as implemented by Hockey ACT through their various competition By-Laws.

2. Umpires should apply all rules, and appropriate penalties, as would be expected in any Hockey ACT Competition. This includes the awarding of Team Penalties through Penalty Corners and Penalty Strokes where appropriate, and the awarding of Personal Penalties through temporary or permanent suspensions (Green, Yellow and Red Card), again where appropriate.

3. Games involve 2 x 25 min halves with a 5 min halftime break.

   Game timings are as follows:
   7:35pm – Game 1 First Half commences
   8:00pm – Game 1 Half Time
   8:05pm – Game 1 Second Half commences
   8:30pm – Game 1 concludes

   8:35pm – Game 2 First Half commences
   9:00pm – Game 2 Half Time
   9:05pm – Game 2 Second Half commences
   9:30pm – Game 2 concludes

   1. When games are scheduled for 6:30pm and 9:30pm or on the hour they follow similar timings to those shown above.

   2. Other timings may be advised/adjusted by the ACT Masters Committee from time to time to meet Hockey ACT requirements and these will be advised to Team Co-ords and Umpires as necessary.

   3. Umpires should commence the game on time (ie start the clock), even if teams are still taking the field. This is to avoid later games running overtime and lights going out before games are finished. In the unlikely event that both teams are ready prior to the designated start time Umpires should only commence the game (first half) with the concurrence of <u>BOTH</u> Team Captains.

Umpires

4. Umpires will continue to be appointed by the Hockey ACT Umpiring & Technical Committee (UTC). Team Co-ords are asked to provide the Monday Night Co-ordinator with the name of at least one member of their Team who is available to be called on to fill gaps in the appointments from time to time.

5. **NO** game is to be controlled by a single umpire. Where an appointed umpire does not show up or is unable to continue a game for any reason, **BOTH** Team Co-ords/Captains are to appoint one person (player or competent spectator) to fill the vacancy. Where players are used, Teams should share the responsibility equally (ie one half each). **NO** game is to commence until two umpires are in position.

6. In addition to the enjoyment of the game for all participants, the Association has player safety at the forefront of its responsibilities. Having in place the correct control mechanisms for all games, IAW the FIH Rules of Hockey, is paramount to meeting those responsibilities.

Penalty Corners & Goalkeepers

4. Teams should make every effort to have a Goalkeeper available for each game, including approaching other teams for assistance when necessary. Where a Team is unable to source a Goalkeeper for a game, and in the interests of player safety, the following rule change applies:

   a. Prior to the game commencing, Team Captains agree to a free hit to the Attacker to be taken from the centre of the 23m line, instead of a PC, when one or both Goalkeepers are missing.

   b. BOTH Captains must agree to this change before the game starts.

   c. Umpires do not make the decision - the decision rests with Team Captains.

   d. This rule change applies to BOTH teams/circles even if one team has a GK, but the other team does not (a 50/50 use of this option provides an unfair advantage to a team without a GK).

   e. Should GKs become available to both teams during a game, both Captains may ask the Umpires to revert to the normal Rules of Hockey as they pertain to PC.

5. In any game we ask that common-sense be applied by ALL players in the use of lifted balls as shots at goal, especially where a Goalkeeper is absent. Participation is a principle aim of the Monday Night Competition and providing a safe playing environment is key to that aim.

Update to Hockey ACT Competition Regulations

6. Hockey ACT recently updated their Senior Competition Rules as part of the annual review of policies. As a member of Hockey ACT, this policy applies to ACT Masters Hockey Association, its members and its various competitions and events.

7. Section 8 (Equipment & Officials) states:

> ***8.2.1. All field players must wear shin pads and are recommended to wear ankle and mouth protection in accordance with the FIH.***

8. Your Association and Committee have a duty of care to every player and official and are required to comply with all ACT Masters Hockey Assn, Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia policies and regulations. As such, we ask **ALL** members to ensure the requirement to wear shin pads is complied with in every game. Player safety remains paramount.

Further Information

9. Team Coordinators/Managers are asked to actively discourage approaches by players to umpires to adjust rules and regulations.

10. Any questions or queries on game structure and rules should be directed to ACT Masters Hockey President, Leo Clarke, or the Vice President, Craig Johnston.

Regards,

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