

HERVEY BAY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 9-A-SIDE MODIFIED RULES 2016

TEAM FORMAT:

The 9-a-side team comprises a mixture of male and female players with no less than 3 male and female players on the field at all times. Interchange at any time, at the halfway line, with a maximum 15 players per team.

GAME FEE:

A fee of \$40.00 must be paid prior to the commencement of each game.

GAME DURATION:

The game runs for 2 x 25 minute halves with a 4 minute half time break. Games commence on the hour as per program i.e. 6.00pm, 7.00pm, 8.00pm & 9.00pm.

POINTS:

Points are awarded as follows: **Win = 3 points: Draw = 1 point:** Failure to umpire will incur 5 points penalty. Teams may forgo a goalkeeper and all rights attached to that position, i.e. have 9 field players

GOAL SCORING

The scoring of goals must alternate between genders; either gender may score first (i.e. female, male, female and so on).

NO HITTING

The ball must be pushed at all times hitting of the ball is not permitted. This is intended to reduce danger. Small movement of stick prior to contact with ball may be acceptable. (Swinging action more than 300mm will be penalized) **Penalty to be awarded to the opposition.**

RAISED BALL

The ball is not to be raised above knee height at any time. No overhead passes are permitted. Normal dangerous play rules apply. **Penalty to be awarded to the opposition.**

TRAVEL WITH BALL

Players in possession of the ball are not permitted to travel more than twenty meters (1/4 of field) without making a pass to another team-member.

PENALTY CORNER:

To be played as '**power play**'. That is 4 defenders in their half only. Attacking player to start with ball at 1/4 line with a free hit. Unrestricted number of attackers in play. Play ends with a goal, an attempted shot at goal; the ball is out of play or defenders gain possession of ball.

PENALTY STROKE:

One on one. Defender from backline, attacker from 1/4 line. Play ends with either a goal, the ball goes out of play, or defender repels ball from the circle into field of play where it becomes play on.

GENERAL RULES OF PLAY APPLY:

In accordance with FIH and HBHA Inc rules of play.

UMPIRES WILL ADJUDICATE

In a manner that shall ensure the game is a good time for all. The umpire's decisions are final and non-negotiable.

***Penalty - Denotes a free hit to the opposition and/or a temporary suspension of two minutes.**

DANGEROUS, ROUGH AND INTIMIDATING TYPE OF PLAY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

REMEMBER THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENT IS TO ENCOURAGE ALL, AND HAVE "FUN & FRIVOLITY"