

Sydney Hockey Association

BY-LAWS

2010 Season



1. DEFINITIONS

The definitions prescribed by Clause 2.1 of the Sydney Hockey Association Constitution will apply in these By-Laws; unless the contrary intention appears from the context of a By-Law.

'ASSOCIATION' - means SHA

'COMPETITION' - means a competition of Hockey matches.

'BOM' - means the Board of Management of SHA.

'MATCH' - means a Hockey match played between 2 teams under the control of the association, including Under 17s.

'PREMIER LEAGUE' - means a club so defined by the Association.

'TEAM' - means a team of a Club.

2. REGISTRATIONS

- 2.1 Each Club will register all players with SHA before such players participate in a SHA controlled game.
- 2.2 Each club will name for registration all players having a commitment to an Association other than SHA. The number per club of such players and the number acceptable will be at the discretion of the SHA BOM. (For the purpose of this By-Law any representative commitment will refer to representation in the season, prior to the season then current).
- 2.3 Full lists of players (new and re-registrations) to be supplied to SHA by a date or dates as determined by the BOM.
- 2.4 A new player will not be permitted to play for a club unless that player is registered with the Association by the Secretary or Delegate of that club.
- 2.5 The minimum age of a player participating in an SHA senior game is 14 years old on January 1 of the then current season.
- 2.6 In any Under 17 team, a maximum of three (3) boys who have already turned 17 on the 1st January of that year, may play with that Under 17 team. They must not have played in any Premier League or 1st Grade 1st Division game. Any player, who has turned 18 on the 1st January in that year, is ineligible to take the field in any Under 17 game. Any player who has turned 17 on the 1st January in that year and who has played Premier League or 1st Grade 1st Division, is ineligible to take the field in any Under 17 game.
- 2.7 Clubs entering U17 teams and having aged players (2 or more) in SHA's top three (3) grades, will be placed in the U17A Division competition.
- 2.8 Acceptance of registrations will be at the discretion of the BOM.

3. UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

A club fielding in any competition match an unregistered player in accordance with By-Law 2 may, at the discretion of the Committee, forfeit that match and competition points therefore, and the opposing team will be awarded a win by five (5) goals to nil (0)

4. PREMIER LEAGUE CLUBS

4.1 Each Premier League Club will:

- a) field a minimum 4 senior teams: 2 in Premier League and 2 in a lower Division.
- b) field at least 5 junior teams.
- c) appoint a suitably qualified coach for their PL teams.
- d) remain competitive – the results from their teams to be considered.
- e) have the administration of their Club reviewed annually, including submission of Annual Report, audited financial statement, development plan for the following year.
- f) provide four suitably accredited SHA umpires.

4.2 A Premier League Club, debarred by any of the preceding sub-clauses from taking part in Premier League competition will retain the rights and privileges of a Premier League Club for that season only. If at the beginning of the following season, the club does not fulfill the foregoing requirements, it may be relegated from Premier League.

4.3 Each Premier League team will appoint a Manager who will liaise with the Ground Marshall (TO) and will be responsible for the behaviour in their respective dugout.

5. TRANSFERS AND PERMITS

5.1 Any player who:

- a) has played for a Club of any other Australian Association during the last preceding season,
- b) applies in writing to the SHA Administration Director for a permit to play for an affiliated Club of the Association,
- c) supplies such particulars required by SHA,
- d) is cleared by his former Club in a letter to the SHA Administration Director will be granted a clearance to play.

5.2 A player who:

- a) has played for an affiliated Club of the Association during the last preceding or the current season;
- b) is cleared by his former Club in a letter to the Director of Administration of the Association and,
- c) is registered with the Association by the Club to which he wishes to transfer will be granted a permit to play.

5.3 A permit to transfer between affiliated Clubs of the Association will not be considered after the first day of July in the season then current unless specifically granted by the Board.

6. FIXTURES

Competitions will be conducted in such grades as are organised from time to time and on the basis of home and away matches where possible. Promotion and relegation between Divisions will be at the discretion of the BOM. Any withdrawal of a team after the draw has been published will incur a fine.

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR SEMI-FINALS, PRELIMINARY FINALS & GRAND FINALS

- 7.1 No player, except with the consent of the Permits Committee, may play in any Semi-Final, Preliminary Final or Grand Final:
- a) in a grade lower than the grade in which he played the majority of the last five competition matches in which he took part before that semi-final, preliminary final or grand final.
 - b) unless he will have played in at least five (5) competition matches during the then current season, such five (5) competition matches to be in separate rounds of the competition and no more than one (1) match per round to be counted.
 - c) Should these five (5) matches not include at least three (3) out of the last five (5) competition matches before the relevant semi-final, preliminary final or grand final, his grading will be determined by the Permits Committee.
 - d) For the purposes of eligibility, a player will qualify for only one (1) grade for each Round / Weekend. A player's grade for any round will be determined by the highest grade he was listed on the Match Card / Played, in that round.
 - e) in the case of a double header weekend, the Sunday game will be deemed "paired" with the Saturday game. The Friday game will be deemed a separate round.
- 7.2 At least eight (8) players of any team competing in a Semi-final, Preliminary final or Grand Final will have played at least fifty per cent (50%) of the matches in which they took part during the then current season, in the appropriate grade for that semi-final, preliminary final or grand final, and the remainder will comply with the preceding paragraphs of this clause.
- 7.3 Junior age players, playing in Senior Grade semi-finals, preliminary finals or grand finals will comply with the preceding paragraphs of this clause.

8. THE DECISIONS OF THE PERMITS COMMITTEE WILL IN ALL CASES BE FINAL.

9. TEAM LISTS

For each competition match during the season -

- 9.1 Team Captains will compile team lists in BLOCK LETTERS on the approved Match Card which will be handed to the Umpire or Ground Marshal **BEFORE** the match. At the end of the match the card will be signed legibly by both umpires and forwarded by the Captains of each team to the Records Officer within the prescribed time. Team lists must NOT include players who do not actually take the field. Players who do NOT take the field must have their names struck off the Match Card, and cannot claim to have played that game in that Grade.
- 9.2 The Association may check team lists against player registrations.
- 9.3 No player playing in two senior competition matches in the one Round will play in other than consecutive grades of his Club's teams unless he is substituting in a grade higher than that in which he has played the majority of the immediately preceding competition matches of that season. A breach of this sub-clause will forfeit the match for the team in the lower grade. The grading of any round will be determined by Clause 7.1c.
- 9.4 No player will play in more than two (2) senior competition matches on any one day or in any one competition round played on a week-end. Any breach of this sub-clause will result in a Club being liable to loss of points in all three (3) grades played by that player and/or a fine imposed on that Club.

10. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- 10.1 Matches will be played under the control of the Association according to the rules of Hockey adopted by and issued under the authority of the Hockey Australia.
- 10.2 Matches will be played on grounds and at times arranged by the Association. The SHA Website is provided for information but is not definitive. Refer all discrepancies to the Director in charge of Fixtures.
- 10.3 The Director in charge of Fixtures is authorised to alter the time, date or place of any match, but will advise the Committee of such alterations as soon as practicable.
- 10.4 Substitution of players during a game, for any reason, will be permitted.
 - a) i) a team will comprise a maximum of fourteen (14) players plus any replacement needed for injured goalkeepers. A breach of this sub-clause will forfeit the match for the team.
 - ii) for teams competing in the 4th Division competition, a team will comprise a maximum of fifteen (15) players plus any replacement needed for injured goalkeepers. A breach of this sub-clause will forfeit the match for the team.
 - iii) in Premier League, only 3 of the 14 players for 2nd Grade (PL2) can be players who have played or will be playing in 1st Grade (PL1) on that day or in that round. A breach of this sub-clause will forfeit the match for the PL 2 team.
 - iv) in any other Grade, a maximum of five (5) players can appear on the Match Cards/Play in any other grade during that round or weekend. A breach of this sub-clause will forfeit the match for this team. A breach of this sub-clause, where only 2 teams are involved in the substituting, will result in a forfeit for both teams.
- 10.5 Clubs are limited to a maximum of four (4) players from any one 'other association', and 9 in total from all 'other associations' to play in any one team in any one competition game.
- 10.6 Any player from an interstate or international association is included in the requirements of By-Law 10.5.
- 10.7 For the purposes of Rule 10.5 and 10.8 a player new to SHA competition is deemed to be one from 'other association' during the first year they play in SHA competition. Should that player continue to be registered in another association, they will continue to be deemed 'other association'.
- 10.8 A player from an association of the Greater Sydney Conference is considered a 'local association player'.
- 10.9 Coaching of field players or teams must be done only directly from the dugout during matches.

11. COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES

11.1 A team is to be on the appointed ground at the appointed time. The only exception for this may be if the secretary of the club concerned provides written reasons to the SHA Administration Director at least 48 hours in advance requesting a deferment or postponement.

11.2 The time allocated for each senior minor round match is 90 minutes. The time allocation is the same for all grades, no grade is allowed more time than any other. The time allocation consists of:

10 minutes warm up

2 x 35 minute halves plus 5 minute half time break

5 minutes warm down

If both captains and umpires agree, a game may commence at any time during the 10 minutes warm up period.

If games start after the allocated time the players must still vacate the field prior to the allocated starting time for the following game.

Umpires, timekeepers, ground marshals etc, are not authorised to extend the duration of a time slot as allocated.

11.3 The time allocation for each U17 minor round match is 75 minutes. This consists of:

5 minutes warm up

2 x 30 minute halves plus 5 minute half time break

5 minutes warm down

If games start after the allocated time the players must still vacate the field prior to the allocated starting time for the following game.

Umpires, timekeepers, ground marshals etc, are not authorised to extend the duration of a time slot as allocated.

11.4 The time listed in the fixture book is start of the time allocated for the game – i.e. the start of the warm up period.

11.5 Any match that reaches half time without interruption, or a total of 50% of the allocated match time, will be deemed as a valid match. The match can be called off by the umpires 20 minutes after the scheduled half time, or earlier with the agreement of both captains.

12. FORFEITS

Matches and Match Points will be forfeited if:

12.1 a team takes the field with fewer than seven (7) players. Should both teams take the field with fewer than seven (7) players no points will be awarded for the match.

12.2 a team is more than ten (10) minutes late in taking the field. The time used to determine the start of the 10 minutes is the fixtured time plus 10 minutes or in the case of U17 games plus 5 minutes, thus allowing for the warm up period in clause 12 b) and 12 c). A forfeit can be claimed if a team is not able to take field 20 minutes after the time listed in the fixture book in the case of Senior Mens games or 15 minutes in the case of U17 Games.

12.3 a team plays an unregistered player, other than one allowed by any other By-Law, or plays a registered player of another club.

12.4 in any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final a team play a player not qualified to play in that match by the operation of any By-Law or Resolution

12.5 it be so provided by any By-Law or Resolution of the Association.

13. CLAIMS FOR FORFEITS

A claim for a forfeit is to be made in writing by the Secretary of the claiming club to the SHA Administration Director within four (4) days of the scheduled match. The submission of the correctly filled out match card stating reasons for forfeit are required.

14. GROUND FEES FOR FORFEITED MATCH

When a forfeit has been claimed and granted, the forfeiting team will be charged double ground fees and the opposing team may receive a credit for the amount it would have paid.

15. MATCH POINTS

Match Points will be awarded on the result of each competition match as follows:

- 15.1 For a win or a win on forfeit, three (3) Points. Where a team is successful in its claim for a forfeit, it will be awarded a win of five (5) goals to nil (0)
- 15.2 For a draw, One (1) Point
- 15.3 For a loss, no (0) Points
- 15.4 For a bye, at the discretion of the Committee
- 15.5 In competitions where an unequal number of games are scheduled, match points will be moderated accordingly.

16. RESULTS OF MATCHES (Telephone)

Both teams are required to telephone the result of a match to the Telephone Results Officer. Failure to do so will result in a fine being issued.

17. RESULTS OF MATCHES (Match Cards)

- 17.1 The Association will supply official Match Cards, which will be correctly filled in, signed by the officiating umpires and lodged with the Association within a time to be determined by the Board of Management. For each competition match in which a team of a club takes part, a breach of this sub-clause will attract a fine as determined by the Board of Management. For a second (2nd) breach a warning will be given. For the third (3rd) breach by a team, two (2) competition points will be deducted in respect of that card and each Match Card thereafter not received by SHA Records Officer by 4.00pm the Friday after the match.
- 17.2 Match Cards alone will be considered in the compilation of the competition points tables.
- 17.3 Match Cards will be forwarded for ALL programmed matches. If a match is not played, an explanation must be included. This may include: "forfeit claimed by Club", "deferred", or "abandoned".

18. MATCH BALLS

- 18.1 The home team in the draw will supply four (4) clean balls of a kind approved by the Hockey Australia for each match. A breach of this By-Law will attract a fine or fines as determined by the BOM, provided that each offence will be noted on the Match Card by either officiating umpire.
- 18.2 The home teams in PL1 must provide a minimum of 2 suitably attired ball persons (juniors require enclosed footwear, shin pads and mouth guards / seniors require enclosed footwear as a minimum). Repeated failure to provide ball persons will result in a penalty of \$50.

19. RECORDS

The Records Officers will record weekly, the scores by each team and the points awarded for each match played during the previous week.

20. DEFERMENT OF MATCHES

A playing surface may be deemed unfit to play by the Technical Officer or the official umpires or, in their absence, the team captains so decide. In the event of a disagreement between the umpires or captains the match will be deferred. Deferred matches will be played as directed by the Association and under normal competition rules.

21. FINAL MATCHES

At the end of the competition rounds in each grade the position of teams in the points score list will be determined by the number of points gained by each team in those rounds. Goal differences will determine the position of those teams being equal on the points score table. Where goal differences are also equal the following methods will be used to determine positions:

- 1st most goals For per scheduled match
- 2nd result when the teams last met in competition rounds
- 3rd result when teams met previously that season
- 4th a toss of a coin with both captains present

22. PLAYING TIME FOR SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

In a Semi-Final or Final, playing time will be in accordance with the Rules of the game of Hockey, provided that:

- a) If no goals have been scored by either team or if an equal number of goals have been scored by each team at the end of that playing time, then an additional period of ten (10) minutes will be played until one side scores a goal or the ten (10) minutes have expired, which ever occurs first. (Golden Goal). A change of ends will take place after five (5) minutes with no break.
- b) If, at the end of extra time the scores still remain equal, the match will be awarded to the team that finished higher on the competition points score table at the end of the rounds.

23. PLAYING TIME FOR GRAND FINALS

In a Grand Final the playing time will be in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Hockey, provided that:

- a) If no goals have been scored by either team or if an equal number of goals have been scored by each team at the end of that playing time, then an additional period of ten (10) minutes will be played until one side scores a goal or the ten (10) minutes have expired, which ever occurs first. (Golden Goal). A change of ends will take place after five (5) minutes with no break.
- b) If at the end of the extra time, the scores still remain equal then the match will be decided by a Penalty Stroke Play-off, as laid down by Hockey Australia.

24. UMPIRES

24.1 In the absence of officially appointed umpires, each participating club will appoint one (1) qualified umpire for each match. PL, 1st and 2nd Division clubs that umpire their own games should notify the Umpires Convener that appointed umpires were not in attendance, and note it on the Match Card to ensure that the Club is not charged for that umpire.

24.2 Where there is only one appointed umpire present, that umpire will select for each match one umpire from those nominated by the participating clubs.

24.3 Failure to provide an umpire for a match will render a club liable to a penalty of FIFTY DOLLARS.

25a. SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS

25a.1 An umpire TEMPORARILY suspending a player during a match will indicate to the player and (where applicable) the Ground Marshal the duration of the suspension. A temporary suspension will be limited to a minimum of FIVE minutes and a MAXIMUM of TEN Minutes.

25a.2 The name of the temporarily suspended player and the duration of the suspension will be marked on the match card by a numeral alongside the player's name on the Team list.

25a.3 The accumulation of THREE (3) temporary suspensions within one playing season will automatically incur a one match suspension. Each additional TWO (2) temporary suspensions will incur a further one match suspension. Suspensions are to be effective upon notification to the relevant club by the Secretary or other official of SHA. Such suspension will disqualify that player from participating in any game to be played in the round following notification. If the suspension is incurred during a semi final win (where the prelim. Round is missed) then the suspension will apply to the Grand Final Round. In the event of a dispute between a suspended player or his club and the BOM, the Permits Committee will rule on the matter.

25a.4 In the case of U17 players, an accumulation of THREE (3) temporary suspensions within one playing season will be the sum of those incurred in U17 competition and senior competition. The match suspension will be the Round following notification and will disqualify the player from both U17 and senior competition games played in that round.

25a.5 Notification of any match suspension will be forwarded to all club secretaries.

25a.6 An umpire PERMANENTLY suspending a player from any match will:

- a) advise the suspended player or representative of suspended players club at the conclusion of the match, of the reason for the suspension, include the charge or reason for permanent suspension on match card, and,
- b) REPORT THE SUSPENSION (by telephone) to the SHA Administration Director and SUBMIT A REPORT in writing to reach SHA Administration Director by noon the following Monday after the match.
- c) Any umpire PERMANENTLY suspending a player from any match and NOT complying with the requirements of 25a.6 a) and b) will be asked **to show cause** why, if he be an SHA appointed umpire, not forfeit the match fee for the game or if he be a non SHUA appointed umpire, the umpire and club officials not be subject to an Investigation Committee Hearing.

25a.7 The umpire's written report will include:

- a) The suspended player's name, club and grade;
- b) The date and place of the suspension and the names of the participating teams
- c) The reason for the suspension, including the rule invoked
- d) an adequate description of the events leading up to the suspension and,
- e) any other matter that the umpire considers relevant to the suspension.

- 25a.8 Should the umpire not specify a charge or specify a charge which in the opinion of the Chairman of the Judiciary Investigation Committee is not appropriate, the Chairman will, on behalf of the Committee formulate the charge which he considers appropriate.
- 25a.9 A permanently suspended player will not participate in any match under the control of SHA until the player has appeared before the Judiciary Committee.
- 25a.10 A permanently suspended player, and the suspending umpire, will appear before the Judiciary Committee within the week following the suspension. However, the Judiciary Committee may at its discretion, accept the suspending umpire's report instead of attendance.
- 25a.11 Should the Judiciary Committee fail, to meet within that week the suspended player may, at the discretion of the SHA Executive, after considering an application by the player, be permitted to play until the Judiciary Committee has been convened.

25b. PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED PLAYERS

- 25b.1 A player against whom a charge has been made will have the right to appear before the Judiciary Committee, to call others to give evidence and to question others giving evidence.
- 25b.2 A player who has been advised, or his Club has been advised, of a requirement to attend a Judiciary Committee Hearing and who fails to attend the Hearing or apply for a postponement of the Hearing, will abide by the findings of the Judiciary Committee.
- 25b.3 Notification of Judiciary Committee Hearings will be advised to all club secretaries.

25c. SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS – SEMI FINALS AND FINALS

- 25c.1 The accumulation of Yellow Card penalties will be cleared upon entry into the semi final series. Any three card accumulation in the last premierships round will still attract a one (1) match suspension.
- 25c.2 During the Finals Series, a player accumulating 2 Yellow Cards will automatically incur a one (1) match suspension.

26. PROTESTS

- 26.1 A protest arising from a match to be lodged in writing, with the SHA Administration Director within forty-eight hours of the relevant match and will be referred to the Judiciary & Investigation Committee for hearing and determination within the week following the match - provided circumstances permit the Committee to meet within that time.
- 26.2 Each protest to be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 which will be forfeited should the protest be either lost or declared frivolous by the Judiciary & Investigation Committee.

27. JUDICIARY AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

27A.1 The objectives of the Judiciary and Investigation Committee are:

- a) disciplinary, in that in all cases, the Committee should seek to impose such suspensions on persons found guilty of offences as are fair, appropriate and proportionate;
- b) protective, in that in all cases, the Committee should seek to advance the interests of the sport of hockey and the interests of the Association, including its players and umpires; and
- c) investigative, in that in all cases, the Committee should seek to ascertain the truth for the purposes of achieving its disciplinary and protective objectives.

27A.2 In the exercise of any powers or functions under these rules, the Committee and the Chair must have regard to these objectives.

27A.3 It is the duty of all clubs, players, coaches, umpires, officials and persons charged with offences, to co-operatively assist the Committee in the achievement of these objectives including by attendance at hearings and giving evidence when required.

27A.4 The Chair may:

- a) decide all matters of procedure not explicitly provided for in these rules;
- b) in any appropriate case, dispense with any procedural requirement of these rules.

CITINGS

27.1 A charge or complaint requiring investigation, against a Member or a player (except one made under By-Law 25A:4) will be lodged in writing with the SHA Administration Director within forty eight (48) hours of the event giving rise to the charge or complaint and will be accompanied by a deposit of \$100, to be forfeited if the charge or the complaint is deemed frivolous by the Chairman of the Judiciary and Investigation Committee.

SUSPENSIONS

27.2A Relevant charges and the Recommended Minimum penalties (which should not be reduced except for an early guilty plea or unless there are exceptional circumstances) for players found guilty of them will include:

Recommended Suspensions

- a) Disputing an Umpire's decision - *2 games*
- b) Abuse of an Umpire - *4 games*
and for a **2nd offence** within 2 years - *6 games*
- c) Assault of an Umpire - *2 years*
and for a **2nd offence** - *4 years*
- d) Abusive conduct whilst a spectator - *2 games*
- e) Acts detrimental to the Association - *2 games*
- f) Striking at another player with other than a hockey stick - *4 games*
- g) Striking at another player with a hockey stick - *8 games*
- h) Deliberately striking another player with other than a hockey stick - *6 games*
- i) Deliberately striking another player with a hockey stick - *16 games*
and for a **2nd offence** - *Life*
- j) Persistent and deliberate breaches of the rules of Hockey - *2 games*
- k) Inappropriate physical play - *3 games*

27.2B On review of the official umpire's statement, and a relevant charge being laid by the Judiciary Chair, unless the Chair considers that the matter should be the subject of a hearing, the player may plead guilty and accept the automatic penalty as set out below:

Early Guilty Plea Suspensions

- a) Disputing an Umpire's decision - 1 *games*
- b) Abuse of an Umpire - 2 *games*
and for a **2nd offence** within 2 years - 4 *games*
- c) Assault of an Umpire – No early plea allowed, Judiciary to adjudicate
- d) Abusive conduct whilst a spectator - 1 *game*
- e) Acts detrimental to the Association - 1 *game*
- f)* Striking at another player with other than a hockey stick - 2 *games*
- g)* Striking at another player with a hockey stick - 6 *games*
- h) Deliberately striking another player with other than a hockey stick - No early plea allowed, Judiciary to adjudicate
- i) Deliberately striking another player with a hockey stick – No early plea allowed, Judiciary to adjudicate
- j) Persistent and deliberate breaches of the rules of Hockey - 1 *game*
- k) Inappropriate physical play - 2 *games*

* These offences/suspensions to be applied only once per playing career. Other items once per season.

Carry over Penalty: *Any player found guilty of an offence by the Judiciary who has taken an early guilty plea in the previous 12 month period, will have the weeks previously taken off from their early guilty plea added to the subsequent suspension, irrespective of the charge.*

27.2C Where a spectator, including any coach or official, is suspended under these rules, that person must not attend within the grounds or vicinity of any hockey match during the period of the suspension and must not participate in any way as a player, coach or official during any such match.

27.2D The Chair may:

- a) determine when a suspension commences (including by back-dating the commencement of a commencement of a suspension to allow for any matches already missed);
- b) determine when a suspension ends by specifying a date;
- c) if any hearing is delayed, permit a player to play whilst a charge is pending, provided that any such delay is not the fault of the player concerned; and
- d) dismiss any charge if, to proceed with the charge would be clearly unfair or clearly lack utility.

27.2E If, in any matter coming before the Committee, there is evidence to suggest that any other person should be charged, the Chair may direct that that person be charged. The Chair must ensure that any such person is given a fair opportunity to answer any such charge.

27.3 Suspensions will apply until a date on which the player will have been suspended from playing in the required number of games. On any one date only one game is to be counted towards suspension. Any suspension may extend into a subsequent season before being terminated, if necessary. The suspension will be notified to SHA affiliated bodies and Hockey NSW, who will determine if the suspended player may participate in its competitions. Only SHA winter season games (including finals games if the team from which the player was suspended makes the finals) will count for the numbers of games suspended.

- 27.4 Nothing in these rules will prevent the Judiciary Committee from resolving to recommend to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee that the operation of one (1) week of any minimum penalty and/or the operation of any penalty additional to the minimum, imposed by him be suspended conditional upon the charged player not being again found guilty of the same charge.
- 27.5 The Chairman will read and explain to all parties to the Hearing, in the presence of each other, the full text of the charge, protest or appeal to be considered.
- a) The parties to the Hearing will be heard by the Judiciary Committee in the presence of each other in the following order:
 - i) those supporting a charge or protest, to give evidence, to call witnesses, to be questioned by those defending a charge or protest and to be questioned by the Judiciary Committee, followed by
 - ii) those defending a charge or protest, to give evidence, to call witnesses, to be questioned by the Judiciary Committee, followed by
 - iii) those supporting a charge or protest, to answer evidence given under (ii) and to be questioned by the Judiciary Committee.
 - b) The Judiciary Committee may request any other person to appear to give evidence and to answer any questions put by a member of the Judiciary Committee.
 - c) The Judiciary Committee may, adjourn the hearing of any charge and may permit a suspended player to play pending a final decision.
 - d) The parties to the Hearing will retire while the Judiciary Committee considers its finding, although the Judiciary Committee can call any or all of them, individually or together to amplify or clarify any evidence.
 - e) The Chairman will have the right to determine questions of order, will sum up the evidence to the Judiciary Committee and will advise the Judiciary Committee during its consideration of the evidence and may make recommendations, which the Judiciary Committee will not be obliged to accept, for the reduction of the charge to another carrying a lesser penalty.
 - f) The Judiciary Committee may, in written Resolution, reduce a charge to another carrying a lesser penalty.
 - g) It will record its findings, made by majority vote in the form of a written Resolution in duplicate, over the signatures of its Members and of the Chairman. Every decision will be final, provided that the Committee may, for sufficient reason, request a re-hearing of the charge.
 - h) It may recommend to the Chairman that leniency be, or not be, considered in his application of the penalty.

27a. APPEALS

- 27a.1 An application to the Board of Management for leave to appeal against a finding of the Judiciary Committee will be made only on the grounds of new evidence which was not available at the time of the hearing.
- 27a.2 Application will be lodged in writing with the SHA Administration Director within 14 days of the relevant meeting of the Judiciary Committee.
- 27a.3 Leave to appeal against a decision will be given only to the member or player to whom a penalty has been applied or against whom a finding has been made.

28. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- 28.1 No team will be styled a Sydney team unless it be duly representative and have been selected by the Association's selectors.

- 28.3 The Manager will be a member of the Selection Committee while the team is on tour or when playing a series of matches.
- 28.4 Every member registered with the SHA will [subject to 28.6] on nomination in writing, be eligible to represent and will be available to be selected for the Association and, if so selected will present himself for such team training and matches as required.
- 28.5 Any Selected player who fails to present himself for such training or match will be suspended automatically and without notice from the Association for the same number of competition matches as the representative team he was selected for played. Such suspension will commence on the next competition round for which he would normally have played in the Association competition after the representative team has completed its commitments. The advice of such failure to present himself, will be provided BY THE TEAM MANAGER TO SHA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR WITHIN 48 HOURS OF SUCH FAILURE or on completion of the commitments and the SHA Administration Director will notify the Secretary of that player's Club within 48 hours of such notification.
- 28.6 A player referred to in the preceding paragraph may, on written application to the SHA Administration Director not more than seven (7) days after the selection notification, may be granted an exemption by the Association, but only on the grounds of: 1) medical reasons evidenced by a current medical certificate, or; 2) exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Executive.
- 28.7 Any Club or Club Official found guilty by the Association of aiding or encouraging a player not to present himself or represent the Association will be liable to penalties including suspension, a fine or loss of competition points for those same matches for which the player would have been suspended following the completion of the commitments of the team for which that player had been selected or would have been selected.

29. DUTY OF CARE

- 29.1 All Clubs are to ensure that team managers and/or their clubhouse have a suitably stocked first aid kit available. Emergency ice is to be available, however it is each club's responsibility to provide ice for their teams.
- 29.2 All Clubs are to ensure that no-one enters the playing area while SHA competition players are warming up, unless in their capacity as ball persons who are appropriately attired or team support people.
- 29.3 All Clubs are to provide mentoring to players who continually are yellow carded during games and encourage all players, coaches and managers to respect umpiring decisions. SHA may also monitor these "Continual Chronic Offenders".
- 29.4 All clubs are to ensure that only nominated players, interchange players, coaches and managers for the match in progress are in the playing dugout at any time.
- 29.5 SHA will continue to monitor field facilities (such as lighting, fencing, goals) and make recommendations to clubs/venue managers to improve standards.

30. LIGHTNING SAFETY CODE

- 30.1 The Lightning Safety Code adopted by SHA applies to all games run by SHA.
- 30.2 It is based on the 30:30 rule which calls for play to be stopped when the lightning:thunder ratio reaches 30 seconds or less. That is, the time between when the lightning is seen and the thunder is heard is 30 seconds or less. This

means that the lightning is 10 km away and the next strike has a "significant risk" of striking people who have seen the lightning and heard the thunder.

- 30.3 Play should not commence until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike and thunder or upon the mutual agreement of appointed officials and team captains, relying on local knowledge but at all times ensuring the safety of all concerned.

31. BREACH OF BY-LAWS

- 31.1 Any By-Law or Competition Rule breach detected by the Records Officer, will be presented to the SHA Board for investigation and, if confirmed, may be dealt with by way of penalties against the Club concerned, including possible loss of premiership points or fine for any match played in breach of such rule, fine or suspension from the competition in which the match was played, or such other penalty deemed appropriate by the Association.
- 31.2 Any club official, coach or manager found guilty of permitting or causing such breach as determined in By-Law 9.2.b may be liable to the same penalties as the club concerned.

32. FINES

- By-Law 7** Withdrawal of team following publication of Draw - \$200
- By-Law 9.1** Team list has more than 5 players doubling up – 1st \$20, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$60 + points.
- By-Law 9.4** Player playing in more than 2 games in a day or round - \$50
- By-Law 14** Forfeiting team will be charged double ground fee. Opposing team to receive the credit.
- By-Law 16** Failure to phone results by deadline - \$10
- By-Law 17.1** Failing to complete Match Card correctly - \$5
- By-Law 17.1** Failing to get MC to Records Officer by deadline – Rounds \$10; Final Series \$40/game
- By-Law 24.3** Failure to provide an Umpire - \$50
- Finances** Unfinancial Clubs on declaration at BOM meeting will incur a penalty of 5% of amount per month until cleared.
- General Meeting** – failure of Club Delegate to attend a General Meeting/AGM - \$100