MEETING OF: Competition Committee

DATE: Wednesday August 18

TIME: 6.30 pm

VENUE: Zoom meeting

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**AGENDA**

1. The meeting opened at 6.35 pm with A. Climpson presiding.
2. **ATTENDANCE**

P. Stuart (Golden Plains), A. Climpson (Saints), P. Stuart (Golden Plains), C. Barnes (Newtown), W. Climpson (Saints), G. Armstead (Kardinia), S. Storen (Torquay), C. Medlin (Geelong), C. Thompson (HG Sharks).

**APOLOGIES**

P. Hanley (Newtown), A. Crowley (Torquay)

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** March 17, 2021

 Motion: that the Minutes of the Competition Committee meeting held on 17/3/21 be approved.

**Moved**: A. Climpson **Seconded**: W. Climpson **CARRIED**

1. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING** - None
2. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None
3. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 The 2021 competition has so far missed 5 rounds for senior teams and 4 rounds for junior teams due to COVID lockdowns.

**Notice of motion:**

That the 2021 season be played without finals for all competitions, allowing a further 3 rounds of competition for all teams, with the Premiership awarded to the team which finishes on top of the ladder.

**Moved**: C. Barnes **Seconded**: A. Climpson **MOTION DEFEATED**

An alternative proposal was considered by the meeting, with approval given to the following procedure/ format for the remainder of the season.

* U8 and U10 teams play an extra round (15) on August 28. Player loans to be encouraged if teams are short of players.
* U12, U14, U17, Senior Men and women – play an extra round (18) on August 28/29, then play a 2 week Finals series
	+ Preliminary Final – September 4/5 – 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3, plus 5 vs 6 playoff
	+ Grand Final – September 11/12 – Winners of the first two Preliminary Finals matches play for Premiership
* If further lockdowns prevent these matches being played, the Premiership for 2021 will be awarded to the Minor Premiers in each division.

6.2 Player eligibility for the last 3 rounds of the competition.

Not relevant as the motion in 6.1 was defeated.

6.3 Finals

If the motion in 6.1 is not approved, the following number of games will be required for players to qualify to play in finals

* Under 12 - players must have played 4 games for the team
* Under 14 - players must have played 3 games for the team
* Under 17 - players must have played 3 games for the team
* Division 1 Men - players must have played 4 games for the team
* Division 1 Women - players must have played 4 games for the team
* Division 2 Men - players must have played 4 games for the team
* Division 2 Women - players must have played 4 games for the team
* [Rules for conduct of finals](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yDejneBYBKUyM-pMkGpdxtx-UZgtlLaq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107414194629102484040&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* Team lists for finals (if required) – should be submitted to Claire Barnes (senior and junior) by Monday August 23. Teams may submit one list for the whole finals series or may submit a list for each finals match.
* Any requests for dispensation to participate in the finals should be submitted by August 17 using [this form.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jF0peFB5eSNmOvD2CNT2ZGm0K73E50bDc9qPIwRwyuw/edit?usp=sharing)

6.4 Umpires fees for finals were approved as follows:

* U12 - $20
* U14, U17 - $25
* Division 2 Men and Women - $35
* Division 1 Men and Women - $40

 6.5 Hockey Geelong Junior Development/ Membership Update – P. Stuart

* The Membership Pillar has continued to work on junior development, with school visits ongoing after the Hockey Victoria Roadshows. The program has seen at least 1500 students participate in hockey sessions at more than 20 schools, followed up by 7 Hookin2Hockey programs. There are programs currently continuing, funded by Sporting Schools. The $2000 funding obtained from Viva Energy has allowed reimbursements for the coaches who have visited the schools.
* 2022 Roadshows – discussions have commenced with clubs and with Hockey Victoria regarding the conduct of Roadshows for the 2022 season.

6.6 Summer hockey competitions will operate as follows (COVID permitting)

* Competition dates
	+ 14 rounds beginning October 11 to December 13 & February 7 to 28
* Senior competition – Division 1 and 2 to be offered
* Venue for U8 and U10 competitions – Stead Park
* Rules – please forward are any proposed changes to the rules for the summer competition.
* Volunteers are required to co-ordinate the summer competitions – Junior, Senior, Masters, Friday Family

6.7 Match format for 2022

* Clubs are asked to consult their members and advise the next meeting of the Competition Committee regarding the preferred format for matches in 2022 – quarters or halves?
* Teams and umpires should be reminded that the match must start at the scheduled time, regardless of whether teams are ready or not.

 6.8 COVID Reminders

 All participants are reminded of the need to follow the COVID Safety Rules as posted on the GHA website

* Check in using the QR codes, which are located in various locations around Stead Park. Note that there are separate QR codes for entry to the fields and for entry to the indoor space.
* Do not enter the dugout until the previous team has left.
* Outgoing teams should use the spray sanitiser provided to sanitiser touchpoints
* Wear your mask before and after playing or umpiring. Failure to wear a mask is notifiable event.

Unfortunately, there have been recent 2 incidents where members have failed to comply with the rules. Discussions with Victoria Police have supported the approach taken by the Association in these situations.

Thanks to Torquay Hockey Club for their strong approach to recent events, and thanks to volunteers and GHA members for their positive approach and support.

6.9 First Aid Kit and ice packs will be replenished.

6.10 Thanks to the volunteers who have made themselves available to umpire this season. Their contributions are much appreciated.

6.11 Nominations for the 2022 GHA Awards are due by Friday August 20.

* John Stephenson Award
* Life Members
* Hall of Fame

 **Next Meeting -** March 2022. Date to be advised.

 The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.