

MEETING OF: Competition Committee
DATE: Wednesday February 2, 2022
TIME: 6.30 pm
VENUE: Stead Park, Corio



MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 6.43 pm with P. Stuart presiding.

2. APOLOGIES AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance 6 members – W. Climpson (Saints), P. Stuart (Golden Plains), C. Barnes (Newtown), G. Armstead (Kardinia), C. Medlin (Geelong), C. Thompson (Torquay).

Proxies: S. Lucas to C. Thompson, A. Crowley to C. Thompson

Apologies: S. Lucas, A. Crowley, J. Waight (Kardinia), G. Evans (Kardinia), Stacey Climpson (Saints)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: August 18 ,2021

Motion: that the Minutes of the Competition Committee meeting held on 18/8/21 be approved.

Moved: W. Climpson **Seconded:** P. Stuart **CARRIED**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:** None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Appointment of Competition Committee Chairperson

There were no nominations received for this position. Possible appointees will be sought.

Proposal: that clubs be rostered each year to provide the Competition Committee Chairperson.

6.2 Appointment of Match Committee

The following members were appointed to the Match Committee.

Chair person	position vacant
Junior Competition Registrar/ Results	Claire Barnes
Senior Competition Registrar/ Results	Claire Barnes
Umpires Committee Convenor	Position vacant. Andrew Crowley to be approached.
Committee members (3)	Wendy Climpson Chris Medlin 1 position vacant

6.3 2022 Season dates. See attached calendar.

- The meeting agreed that the season for junior and senior teams will commence on April 30, after Easter and school holidays. This will allow 16 rounds of competition for senior teams and 13 for junior teams.

6.4 **Team entries due** – team entry forms will be circulated to clubs, with all team entries due on March 25.

6.5 Competitions for 2022

- U8 Mixed – Lloyd Reserve
- U10 Mixed – Lloyd Reserve
- U12 Mixed – Stead Park
- U14 Mixed – Stead Park
- U17 Mixed – Stead Park
- Division 1 Men and Women – Stead Park
- Division 2 Men and Women – Stead Park

6.5.1 Possible team entries – note these are possible entries which will be confirmed or altered in coming weeks

- U8 – Torquay, Saints, Kardinia, Geelong, Newtown x 3, Golden Plains (8 teams)
- U10 – Torquay, Kardinia, Geelong, Newtown x 2 (5 teams)
- U12 – Torquay, Kardinia, Geelong, Newtown x 2 (5 teams)
- U14 - Torquay, Kardinia, Geelong, Newtown x 2 (5 teams)
- U17 - Torquay, Kardinia, Geelong, Newtown x 2, Golden Plains (6 teams)
- D1 Men – Torquay, Saints, Geelong (3 teams)
- D1 Women – Torquay, Saints, Geelong, Newtown (4 teams)
- D2 Men – Torquay, Saints, Geelong, Newtown x 2, Golden Plains (6 teams)
- D2 Women – Torquay, Saints x 2, Geelong, Newtown, Golden Plains (6 teams)

Note: HG Sharks are intending to enter a team in the HV Pennant competition rather than in the GHA competition.

6.5.2 Structure of the senior competitions

- The meeting agreed that if a club has two men's teams or two women's teams, one team must be entered in each division.
- The senior competitions will be played as separate D1 and D2 competitions assuming that there are a minimum of 4 teams available for D1.
- The senior season could include an invitational carnival for teams from other regional Associations, possibly scheduled on May 28.

6.6 Match format

- The meeting agreed that the senior competition matches will be played with 4 quarters of 17 minutes each, 2 minutes for quarter time breaks and 5 minutes for half time break.
- Junior competition matches will continue in the usual format of 2 halves.

6.7 GHA Umpires Committee Report

No report was provided.

The meeting agreed that the following actions should be taken:

- Pre-season umpires briefing to be held for both junior and senior competition umpires. T. Molyneux will be unavailable this year, but Jonah McKinnon could be approached to lead these briefings.
- Clubs must nominate at least 1 umpire per team when submitting their team entries.
 - An umpires levy of \$250/ senior team will be applied to all team entries. This will be reimbursed at the end of the season if the club's nominated umpires have met all their commitments during the season.
- Contact HV to request assistance from the Zone Umpire Developer to provide training and tutoring of umpires for GHA.
 - Could also contact Charlie Martin, Scott O'Reilly
- Request that HV hold a Level 1 Umpires Course for GHA
- Seek volunteers to provide tutoring for beginner umpires. There may be some funds available from the Viva Energy sponsorship to support this.
- There are no rule changes for 2022
- Umpires Fees for 2022. The meeting agreed that umpires fees for 2022 be set at:
 - Division 1 \$40
 - Division 2 \$35
 - Recommended fees for junior competitions

- U10 \$10
- U12, U14 \$15
- U17 \$20

6.8 Local Rules for GHA Competitions for 2022.

The following local rules will apply for GHA competitions for 2022.

6.8.1 Tomahawk shots are allowed for U12, U14, U17 competitions as long as the stick is not raised above the shoulder and the shot is not dangerous or does not lead to dangerous play.

6.8.2 In U17 competitions, a girl must take the first shot at a short corner. If there is no girl on the field at the time for the attacking team, the first shot at goal may be taken by a male but must be a push. Teams are asked to avoid intentionally passing the ball more than 5 m from the circle in order to allow a hit by a male.

6.8.3 Borrowing players from other teams for junior competition. GHA Rules allow junior teams to borrow 2 players from another club/ team as long as they have 7 of their own players to begin the match, and the loaned players will make a team of not more than 11. See By-Law 5.4.1

If one player volunteers to play for the opposing junior team, the player would be permitted to swap back to their own team at half-time.

The meeting agreed that the provisions of 6.8.3 be applied for Golden Plains senior teams as long as the permission of the opposing team has been given prior to the match commencing.

6.8.4 Face masks and short corners – procedures for 2022 will continue as for 2021. Junior players MUST wear face masks when defending penalty corners.

6.9 Transfers

Transfers from one club to another should be requested within the Revolutionise Sport system. The process requires you to enter the National ID number for the player requesting a transfer. If you require this information please send a note to Claire Barnes with details of the player/s concerned.

Please ensure that transferring players DO NOT register with your club prior to having a transfer application approved.

6.10 Hockey Victoria fees for 2022

- Adult \$110
- Junior (age 11 to 18 at 31/12/22) \$83
- Hookin2Hockey \$35
- Stick2Hockey \$35

GHA recommendation:

Use the 'HV Stick2Hockey' capitation fee to register players for U6, U8, U10 teams/ programs.

6.11 Hockey Geelong Member Recruitment Pillar report. P. Stuart

- Roadshows are about to start, although we are waiting to see whether there will be any restrictions on school visitor access.
 - February 14 – Torquay schools
 - February 21 – Saints and Geelong schools
 - February 28 – Newtown and Golden Plains schools
- Corio HC have indicated that they are unable to participate, so their allocated schools will be redistributed.
- GHA will contact other schools to ascertain their interest in hosting a Roadshow after the HV funded program has finished.

ACTION:

- Send information to HG Sharks players via C. Thompson so see if they could assist with Roadshows.
- Request that HV supply a digital copy of the flyer to GHA, and that this digital version be sent by HV to all schools they are contacting for distribution to their students.

- If clubs set up their Hin2H program on Facebook, please send Hockey Geelong a co-host request.

6.12 HV Regional Pilot program

- An application was submitted on behalf of the GHA to be part of the HV Regional Pilot program.
- The aim of the program is to increase the level of HV support and service to regional associations with the ultimate aim of growing hockey in regional Victoria.
- The program would provide more on the ground HV assistance for regional competitions, with some part time HV staff designated to work in the region.
- Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful.

6.13 GHA submitted an application for a grant to upgrade the heating and cooling capacity of the pavilion at Stead Park. We were advised that as the number of grants available was limited, the application was unsuccessful, but the application had great merit and should be resubmitted for future grants.

Next Meeting - to be advised.

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.