WPHU LEAGUE RULES 2019

1. REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS:

1.1 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

1.1.1 The SAHA database must be updated by club administrators by 05 April 2019. For age group leagues, the applicable date is 30 April 2019. Additional players that join clubs after these dates must be added before they play their first match for the club in the respective leagues.

1.1.2 Registration of players with the Union is compulsory. Clubs that fail to register players on the SAHA database by the stipulated date will incur a R500 fine, plus an additional fine of R100 for every week or part thereof in which registration has not been completed.

1.1.3 Late-joining members must be registered immediately. If the club are not able to register the player online before they play their first game then the Hockey Manager must be informed in writing, by email message, before the start of the match in which the player is to take part.

1.1.3 Should a team use an unregistered player in a league match, the match shall be awarded to the opposition. The defaulting team will also incur a fine of R500.

1.1.4 Player affiliation fees must be paid to WPHU by their clubs by the following date:

- 50% Payment by 31 May 2019
- 75% Payment by 30 June 2019
- 100% Payment by 31 July 2019

1.2 ELIGIBILITY

1.2.1 A player must be aged 15 or older to be eligible to participate in the Grand Challenge & Grand Reserve Leagues. In order to be eligible for the Grand Challenge & Grand Reserve Leagues a player must thus be 15 years old on the 01 January 2019.

1.2.2 No player under the age of 13 may participate in any senior league team. A player must thus be 13 years or older on the 01 January 2019 to be eligible to play senior league hockey.

1.2.3 Teams in Town Challenge and lower leagues are permitted a maximum of seven U16 players (per team). This is players born between 01 January 2004 and 31 December 2005.

1.2.4 The parents/legal guardians of any child under the age of 18 that participates in senior league hockey must sign an Indemnity form in order to allow the child to participate in the senior league. It is the sole responsibility of the Club to ensure that this is done.
2.  **IDENTITY CARDS/AUTHENTICITY OF PLAYERS:**

2.1 All players participating in matches under the auspices of the WPHU shall be registered and in possession of a SAHA registration card. This card MUST be present at all league matches. If a player does not have a SAHA registration card then they must have a copy of their card (temp card) which they can obtain from their online profile.

2.2 The registration cards are to be checked by the opposing captain prior to the commencement of the match. The captain or coach or team manager may request to see the registration cards and/or ID document of the opposition team players in order to verify players listed on the match card.

2.3 Players not in possession of their registration cards must be noted on the match card by the opposing captain and the club will be fined R50 per player without a card.

2.4 All players must have a form of identification document on them at all league matches. The identity document shall contain the name, ID number and a photograph of the player. Acceptable forms of identification include a South African identity document, driver’s licence or student card.

2.5 Should a team have a query regarding the authenticity of a player or his right to play in the team, the captain of the opposing team will have the right to lodge a protest with the technical table where applicable or the umpires, but the match will proceed as scheduled. Details of the protest must be written on the match card and signed by the umpires.

2.6 Any protest is to be made not later ten minutes after the completion of the match, and is to be lodged in writing with the hockey manager within 48 hours of the match being played. Written reports shall include electronic mail.

3.  **TRANSFER OF PLAYERS.**

No player shall represent more than one club during the outdoor season without obtaining written clearance from the club the player intends leaving. The clearance shall be sent to the WPHU office. This can be transacted via electronic mail.

4.  **LEAGUE FORMAT**

4.1 The 2019 league format will remain unchanged during the 2020 and 2021 league seasons. The 2022 league format will be reviewed no later than June 2021.

4.2 The M/LGC leagues will consist of ten teams and play a double round robin. The league title will be determined by the points accumulated in the double round robin.

The league will be followed by The Alan Lacey & Lydia Hall knockout Cup. All ten teams will participate in the knockout, seeding in the knockout tournament will be determined by finishing positions from the GC league logs and the format will be as follows:
Round 1: 9 v 8 (A), 7 v 10 (B)
Round 2: 1 v Winner A (C), 5 v 4 (D), 3 v 6 (E), Winner B v 2 (F)
Semi-Final: Winner C v Winner D (G), Winner E v Winner F (H)
Final: Winner G v Winner H

4.3 The M/LGR leagues will consist of ten teams and play a double round robin.

4.4 The M/LTC, M/L2, M/L3, M/L4 and M5 leagues will consist of ten teams and play a double round robin.

4.5 M/LGC leagues will consist of one team per club per league only, with the exception of tertiary institutions, which may enter a second team in each league. In all other leagues, except in the lowest leagues, no club may have more than two teams in any one league.

4.6 Across MGC, MGR and MTC, no club may have a combined total of more than four teams.

4.7 Across LGC, LGR and LTC, no club may have a combined total of more than four teams.

4.8 The lowest leagues (M6 and lower, and L5 and lower) will be drawn up and structured according to the number of teams entered and thus may play a different system. The lowest leagues will be finalised no later than in the third week of fixtures. The League Secretary will provide a written addendum to these rules to set out the format for the lowest leagues.

4.9 The age group leagues (under 13 and under 15) will be drawn up and structured according to the number of teams entered and thus may play a different system. These leagues will be finalised no later than in the third week of fixtures. The League Secretary will provide a written addendum to these rules to set out the format for the age group leagues.

4.10 It is the responsibility of clubs to check the home/away venues for the season. Should clubs not have contacted the League Secretary by 31 March 2019 (or 21 April 2019 for the lowest or age group leagues) regarding imbalances/errors, the fixtures will remain as published and no changes will be allowed.

5. RESULTS

5.1 Points System:

For M/LGC, M/LGR and M/LTC only:

A winning team earns three (3) points.
A draw earns one (1) point for each team.
A loss earns zero (0) points.

In any situation where a match is conceded or points are awarded to one of the teams, the recorded score will be 5-0 in goals and three points will be awarded. Should the actual
score be more advantageous to the non-offending team, then that score shall stand. A fine shall also be levied as stipulated in paragraph 19.

For all other leagues:

A winning team earns four (4) points  
A draw earns two (2) points  
A loss earns zero (0) points  

A team which wins a match by a margin of five or more goals earns a Bonus point  
A loss by one goal earns a Bonus point

5.2 The ranking of the leagues shall be decided by the number of points gained.

In the event of teams having equal points:

5.2.1 the better goal difference will decide; and if that is also identical

5.2.2 the more "goals for" total will decide the issue.

5.2.3 Should this also be identical, the result of the matches played between the teams involved will decide final standings.

5.2.4 Should the situation still be unable to be resolved, the Executive Committee will give a ruling on the issue.

5.3 In the event of a team failing to fulfil a fixture without having informed a club the opponents will be awarded match points as in Paragraph 5.1 and the defaulting club may be fined R500.

5.4 In the event of a team conceding a match (unless for reasons acceptable to the League Secretary and sanctioned by the Executive Committee) within less than 24 hours preceding the scheduled date, the opponents will be awarded match points as in Paragraph 5.1 and the defaulting club may be fined up to R500.

5.5 Each club shall forward the results to the League Secretary and Hockey Manager, by electronic mail to the email address provided (results@wphockey.org.za), by 17h00 on the first working day after the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of R200.

5.6 Penalty Points. Where a team concedes a match, a two point penalty will be levied against that team in addition to any other applicable sanctions.

5.7 In the event of a team fielding an unregistered player in a match, the team will forfeit any league points earned for that match.
6. **MATCH CARDS**

6.1 Each team shall keep a record of its players for each league match on an official match card. This match card is to be completed with the **FULL NAMES** of all players participating in this match and is to be handed to the technical table where applicable or the opposing captain before the commencement of the match. The match card is to be signed by the opposing captain prior to the commencement of the match and then signed by both umpires on conclusion of the match to reflect the official score of the match and the names of players awarded penalty cards. Match cards are to be submitted to the hockey office within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to have completed match cards will result in the team not being allowed to take the field and Rule 5.4 will apply.

Facsimile and e-mail versions of match cards are acceptable, in which case the club shall retain the original match cards until six weeks after the conclusion of the season. Original match cards are to be presented to the WPHU office immediately if so requested by the Hockey Manager.

6.2 Failure to submit match cards or copies to the WPHU office by the stipulated time will result in a fine of R50 for each outstanding card. Match cards may be submitted to WPHU by facsimile or email, but original cards must be submitted to the WPHU office on request.

6.3 Where an official WPHU Match Report Sheet has been correctly completed by both teams, then this report sheet shall be accepted in lieu of a match card as contemplated above.

6.4 In the event of any complaint being lodged regarding the result or eligibility of any player in the match, the Hockey Manager will immediately check the match cards for both teams. If the plaintiff team has failed to lodge their match card within the prescribed time, their complaint will be dismissed. If the defendant team has failed to submit their match card within the prescribed time then they will be judged guilty by default and all applicable penalties will be applied. If neither team has submitted a match card then the complaint will be dismissed. Penalties for late submission of match cards will still apply.

6.5 Any dispute is to be recorded on the match card, and signed by both captains.

6.6 No queries regarding match card fines will be entertained by the hockey office after 30 November 2019.

7. **PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND CHALLENGING:**

7.1 End of season promotion or relegation will be automatic.

7.2 Between the M/LGC and M/LGR leagues there shall be automatic promotion and relegation of ONE team.

7.2.1 Should the team winning M/LGR be ineligible for promotion in terms of Rule 4.5, then the highest eligible team will be promoted provided that such a team finished within the top four places.

7.2.2 In the event of the team qualifying for promotion as described above declining the offer, then the second highest eligible team shall be offered promotion, and if they
decline this offer shall pass to the third highest eligible team, provided that such teams finish within the top four places.

7.2.3 Should there be no eligible team willing to be promoted then no team will be relegated from M/LGC.

7.2.4 Should the relegation of a team from M/LGC result in there being three teams from that club in M/LGR, then one of the club's teams will be relegated from M/LGR to M/LTC. Such a team will replace the team which would have been relegated under rule 7.3.

7.3 Between all other leagues (excluding age group leagues), TWO teams will be relegated and TWO teams will be promoted at the end of the season.

7.3.1 Should one team withdraw from a league then the team finishing (in that league and any league below that league) in the second last position will not be relegated.

7.3.2 Should two teams withdraw from a league then the teams finishing (in that league and any league below that league) in last and second last positions will not be relegated.

7.3.3 Should more than two teams withdraw from a league during the course of the season, there will be no relegation from that league (or any league below that league)

7.3.4 and the appropriate number of teams from the leagues below will be promoted to restore the correct numbers.

7.3.5 Should the team finishing in one of the two top places be ineligible for promotion in terms of Rules 4.5, 4.6 and/or 4.7, then the next highest eligible team will be promoted provided that the team in question finished within the top four places (or top six places in the case of M/L2).

7.3.6 In the event of the team qualifying for promotion as described above declining the offer, then the next highest eligible team shall be offered promotion, and if they decline this offer shall pass to the second highest eligible team, provided that the teams in question finished within the top four places (or top six places in the case of M/L2).

7.3.7 Should there be fewer than two eligible teams willing to be promoted then the number of teams to be relegated from the higher league will be reduced accordingly.

7.3.8 Should the relegation of a team result in there being three teams from that club in the next lower league, then one of the club's teams will be relegated from that league to the next lower league. Such a team will replace one of the teams which would have been relegated under rule 7.3.

7.4 There will be no challenge matches.
8. **DEFINITION OF A TEAM:**

8.1 A maximum of 18 players may be used by a team in a match, of whom 2 must be goalkeepers wearing full protective equipment. If one of the goalkeepers becomes injured or is suspended, that team can continue to use 17 players including only 1 goalkeeper. If a team chooses not to include a second goalkeeper in the 18 players, they are limited to using 16 players in a match only.

8.2 Should a team field a squad in excess of eleven players, the entire squad shall be deemed to be members of that team and may not play for another team at any time, unless the normal rules of relegation and/or reversion have been followed. (This applies particularly to any one weekend round of fixtures - i.e. a player may not play for one team on one day and then for another on the next). Any substitute is considered to be a member of that team.

8.3 Where a team is proved to have contravened rule 8.1 for any particular match, the opponents will be awarded match points as in Rule 5.1. A R500 fine may also be levied.

8.4 A maximum of 7 substitutes, including a reserve goalkeeper, and 4 management staff may be seated on the team bench. No other persons shall be allowed within the playing area. If there is no reserve goalkeeper then the maximum number of substitutes is 5.

8.5 Each team shall have a captain, who shall wear a distinctive band or ribbon. The captain is responsible for the conduct of his or her team and bench, even while acting as a substitute.

8.6 Another member of the team shall act as captain during the suspension of the designated captain.

9. **RELEGATION OF PLAYERS**

9.1 No Club shall relegate players from any of its teams which has a bye or for whatever reason, no scheduled fixtures, or which has completed its matches, nor may a player be relegated for the sake of strengthening a lower team. (This constitutes "reversion" and will result in the lower team losing the points, having a score of 0-5 recorded and the club being fined R500).

9.2 In the case of a higher team player being relegated to a lower team, this player shall remain in the lower team for two consecutive matches. Should a higher team player not be available the player may return to the higher team but permission must be obtained from the Hockey Manager.

9.3 No player from a higher team shall play in a lower team in the event of the lower team being short of player/s.
9.4 The penalty for breach of this rule shall be the forfeiture of points and penalties for the team in which the player relegated played in addition to a fine as decided by Council at the February meeting.

10. **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

10.1 Players from a team squad may not play again in a lower team (or an age group team) in any weekend of fixtures.

10.2 When a higher team is short of players (less than 11 players), a lower team player who has already played, may fill such a vacancy, but only as an emergency and not as a general rule. An emergency is considered to be:

10.2.1 a player who withdraws from a team no more than one hour before the scheduled time of the match;

10.2.2 a player who does not arrive for the match for whatever reason;

10.2.3 if a player is injured while en route to the match or during the warm-up period. If a team has a squad of 11 or more players, no emergency substitution of one player is allowed. Under no circumstances may a player who has already played for a higher team, play again for a lower team in the same round of fixtures.

10.3 The general rule is that no player may play for two different teams in any one week of fixtures - including pre-played or postponed matches. The week shall be understood as commencing on Monday morning and ending on Sunday night.

10.3.1 The exception is that in leagues below M/LTC, a goalkeeper may play for a lower team in a field position. Similarly, a player who normally plays in a field position may act as a goalkeeper in a lower team. This concession shall only apply to a goalkeeper wearing full protective equipment as described in Rule 2.2 of the Rules of Hockey.

10.4 The penalty for transgressing any aspects of these rules regarding substitution shall be the forfeiture of points, by the lower team for which the player played a match and a fine of R500.

11. **OFFICIAL MATCHES**

11.1 A period of 10 additional minutes is allowed for a team to take the field after the arranged time of the match. Should a team be short of the required minimum number of players (eight) by this time, they shall forfeit the points and a friendly game may be played.

11.1.1 Should a valid reason for the non-appearance or shortage of players exist, the Hockey Manager is to be immediately contacted by telephone. Should the Hockey Manager not be available, a message stating all details date and time of the call is to be left on the answering service. The Executive Committee will issue a ruling as
to whether the reason given for the non-appearance of the team is acceptable or not.

11.2 In M/LGC, matches will be played in four quarters of 15 minutes each, with a two minute break between the first and second quarters and between the third and fourth quarters, and a five minute halftime break between the second and third quarters.

11.3 In all other leagues (other than U13 & U15 leagues), matches shall be played in two equal halves of 35 minutes each. Matches in under 13 leagues will be played in two equal halves of 20 minutes each and the under 15 league will be played in two equal halves of 30 minutes each. Should a match have to be curtailed, the halves will be of equal periods.

11.4 The result of any match will stand if it for whatsoever reason is called off when 20 minutes of the second half have already been played (or 10 minutes of the second half, in the case of under 13 leagues).

11.5 Should a club be forced to concede matches because of a shortage of players, they must cancel their lowest teams first. In the event of a club conceding the points of a higher league team but it continues to play lower league matches, each of the lower league teams will be penalised through the loss of points.

11.6 No dispensation shall be given to the lowest team in a club to postpone or pre-play in the event of a shortage of players caused by higher teams having to be filled.

11.7 Failure to gain permission to postpone a match will result in the fixture being declared null and void, or at the discretion of the Executive, the points will be awarded to the opposition.

11.8 Any side failing to fulfil a scheduled fixture shall forfeit the points. Clubs may not agree to postpone or pre-play a fixture without the approval of the Hockey Manager. Should they do so, both will forfeit the points and no result will be entered in the logs.

11.9 A team must give 24 hours’ notice to the Hockey Manager and to their opponents of their intention to concede a match. Failure to do so will incur a fine of R500 and automatic loss of points.

11.10 Where there is more than one game scheduled on a particular field, all games, except the last, shall finish at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the next game. Matches starting late shall therefore have both the first and second half playing times reduced equally in order to conform.

11.11 Should, for whatever reason, a match cannot be played, there will be no sharing of points and the fixture will be deemed not to have been played and so reflected in the logs.

11.12 Except in the case of M/LGC and M/LGR matches, should the appointed umpires not arrive to fulfil their duties, either any other appropriately graded umpire or the captains of each team shall officiate, so that the match WILL proceed. This shall not apply if clubs are given at least 24 hours’ notice that no umpires are available and that they must arrange a suitably qualified umpire themselves.
11.13 Should the appointed umpires not arrive to fulfil their duties at a M/LGC or M/LGR match, any other available and appropriately graded umpire could be used, providing both captains agree. Should no agreement be reached, the match must be played within 48 hours, at a time and venue to be arranged by the Hockey Manager, with umpires appointed by the Umpires’ Association.

12. GROUNDS

12.1 Clubs which have access to artificially surfaced fields shall have the right to play matches scheduled for grass fields on the artificial field. Should any time changes be required to accommodate these matches, this has to be by mutual agreement with the visiting team. Where the home team does exercise its right to move a match to an artificial surface it must inform the visiting team of this decision not less than 72 hours before the match.

12.2 Floodlit matches will only be played at venues where the lighting meets satisfactory standards. Matches in M/LGC, M/LGR and M/LTC leagues will only be played at venues with an average lighting of 450 lux or more. M/L 2, M/L 3 and M/L 4 matches will only be played at venues with a minimum lighting standard of 300 lux. Clubs in lower leagues may agree to play at venues with lower lighting levels entirely at their own risk.

12.3 Clubs are to submit a lighting report for their home artificial venue to the Hockey Manager before the start of the season. Lighting reports will be valid for a one-year period. The WPHU shall reserve the right to suspend floodlit matches at any venue where the lighting has found to have deteriorated beyond these minimum levels in the interests of safety.

12.4 The playability of any field due to adverse weather conditions or inadequate lighting will be at the discretion of the clubs, or relevant authority, e.g. groundsman. The umpires, however, shall make decisions as to whether the playing conditions will affect the safety of the players concerned.

12.5 All matches in the M/LGC, M/LGR, M/LTC, M/L2, M/L3 and M/L4 leagues shall be played on fields with artificial surfaces.

13. MISCONDUCT

13.1 Any person who is reported for unbecoming behaviour which could bring the Union into disrepute shall appear before the Disciplinary Committee.

13.2 Any red card incident is to be reported in writing by the match umpire who issued the card to the Executive committee member – Rules & Technical within 48 hours of the incident occurring. Should such report not be received, the red card will stand recorded, but the match suspensions will be held in abeyance until such time as the Foul Play Review Committee or Disciplinary Committee has dealt with the incident should it be deemed necessary. The Foul Play Review Committee will review the umpire report/s and have the right to have telephonic discussions with the umpire/s and player/s involved in the incident. Any other evidence including documentary evidence and video/photographic evidence may also be considered. After taking all facts into account the Foul Play Review Committee will in writing issue a recommended sanction to the player and club involved.
within 48 hours of the receipt of the umpire report/s. If the player/club pleads guilty and accepts the proposed sanction that will conclude the matter.

13.3 If the player/club rejects the proposed sanction from The Foul Play Review Committee the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee which will follow a formal disciplinary enquiry process and could take up to 14 days to conclude to allow for procedural fairness of the process, during the disciplinary enquiry process the player involved will not be allowed to participate in any fixtures including matches. Unless the Disciplinary Committee has ruled otherwise, a player who has been given a red card, with immediate effect, may not participate in any fixtures, which includes double headers.

13.4 A player given a Red Card is automatically suspended for 3 subsequent matches from all hockey activities under the auspices of the South African Hockey Association. The Foul Play Review Committee or Disciplinary Committee will decide whether to increase or decrease the suspension as set out in 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4. The player or his club may appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee within 48 hours of them issuing their sanction. Any appeal is to be accompanied by a monetary deposit of R5 000. This may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee be forfeited if the appeal is unsuccessful. If the sanction has been appealed the matter will be referred to a Appeals Committee which will follow a formal disciplinary appeal process and could take up to a further 14 days to conclude to allow for procedural fairness of the process, during the appeal process the player involved will not be allowed to participate in hockey activities including matches. Unless the Appeals Committee has ruled otherwise, a player who has been given a red card, with immediate effect, may not participate in any fixtures, which includes double headers.

13.5 The same procedure as outlined in paragraph 13.4 will apply to a player who receives a third yellow card during the season, while the player is automatically suspended for the subsequent match only. The WPHU office will confirm the award of the third card. Any appeal must be lodged within 48 hours of this notification.

13.6 The Foul Play Review Committee will comprise of three members elected by the Executive committee. The committee will be representative from a gender and race point of view and will include ex-players, coaches and technical officials to ensure a balanced view is taken when deciding on sanctions and keeping the interests of the game top of mind when making decisions. The Disciplinary Committee and if required Appeals Committee will also be appointed by the Executive committee.

13.7 Any suspension decided or confirmed by the Disciplinary committee or Appeals committee shall apply separately to Indoor Hockey, Summer League and Outdoor Field Hockey.

13.8 The WPHU shall maintain a register of all yellow and red cards awarded on its website. This list shall be updated on a weekly basis. The Hockey Manager is to be advised immediately should any discrepancy be observed with this list.

13.9 Should a club wish to lodge a complaint with the Hockey Manager regarding the misconduct of a team or the transgression of a rule by a club, such complaint to be lodged
in writing, within 48 hours of the match. Should no written report be received, the complaint will be null and void.

13.10 A player receiving a red card will receive an automatic fine of R500. A player receiving a yellow card for umpire abuse or use of foul language will receive a R200 fine.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF FIXTURES

14.1 No fixture may be pre-played or postponed without the permission of the Hockey Manager. No request will be considered unless both clubs are in agreement.

14.2 A fixture may only be postponed if a field is unplayable or if the umpires adjudge that the prevailing weather conditions (as decided at the field) would lead to dangerous playing conditions. No match may be postponed or pre-played for any other reason without permission from the Hockey Manager. There will be no pre-playing or postponements of ANY matches (including already allocated postponed or pre-played matches) for non-hockey reasons.

14.3 In M/L5 and lower leagues (as well as under 15 & under 13 leagues), time changes during the weekend of fixtures may be made by mutual agreement between the teams. The weekend is regarded as any time from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon.

14.4 In M/L4 and higher league matches, application to change the times of matches within the same weekend of fixtures must be made to the Hockey Manager. No such requests will be considered unless there is mutual agreement between the teams and with the further proviso that the allocated umpires are available (in leagues where umpires are allocated).

14.5 Postponements will be granted should a team have three or more players selected for any provincial team, under 18 teams, national teams and masters' teams. For national team involvement, only one week of fixtures may be postponed. It is the responsibility of clubs to apply to the Hockey Manager for a postponement of a match and to supply the names of the selected players. This application must be made within ONE WEEK of the teams having been announced.

14.6 Should a team qualify for a pre-play or postponement because of provincial or national duties, the match will be rescheduled by the League Secretary or Hockey Manager and will be played on that date at the time stipulated, with exceptions or changes considered only after application to the Hockey Manager, whose decisions shall be ratified by the Executive Committee.

14.7 Matches postponed because of unplayable fields are to be played within two weeks of the scheduled date. Failure to do so will result in a fine, unless dispensation has been given by the Hockey Manager.

15. PROCEDURE TO PLAY POSTPONED MATCHES

15.1 Any match postponed because of unplayable fields or for whatsoever reason the Hockey Manager has deemed a postponement permissible are to be played within 14 days of the
scheduled date of the original fixture. The home team (or, in leagues where teams play at a neutral or shared venue, the team in the left column), shall offer the opposition club three dates on which to play the match, within two weeks of the scheduled date. In M/LGC and M/LGR, the club making the arrangements shall also be responsible for contacting the Umpires’ Association to have umpires allocated. Should none of these three dates be acceptable to the opposition club, the Hockey Manager will mediate and, after consultation with both clubs, set a date which will be non-negotiable.

15.2 Should the club responsible for offering the dates on which to play not do so within the two week time-frame, they will automatically lose the points, in addition to a fine.

16. TECHNICAL TABLES / BALL PATROL & MATCH FILMING

16.1 In all matches played in the MGC and LGC leagues, it is the responsibility of the home team to have a technical table in place. The home team must supply one suitably qualified person to act as a technical officer. The duties of the technical officer shall be stipulated by the WPHU. In certain cases the WPHU may appoint a neutral technical officer. Failure today so will result in a fine as listed in point 19.

16.2 In all matches played in the MGC and LGC leagues, it is the responsibility of the home team to have ball patrol for the respective MGC and LGC matches. Failure to do so will result in a fine as listed in point 19. Dispensation on will be granted to the home team for weeknight matches (Mon to Thurs).

16.3 Where teams share a common home venue, then the team whose name appears on the left of the official fixture list shall be regarded as the home team.

16.4 GC teams are responsible for filming of their league matches. It is the home teams’ responsibility to ensure that the matches are filmed and the match footage uploaded onto the VSAS platform. All matches played on a Fri, Sat or Sun are to be uploaded onto VSAS by midnight of the first Tuesday following the game. Matches played on a Mon to Thurs must be uploaded within 48 hours of the completion of the fixture. Any head coach failing to comply will be removed from the VSAS GC coaching group and access will only be reinstated once the footage has been uploaded.

17. PLAYING COLOURS

17.1 Where the teams have similar playing colours it will be the responsibility of the home team (or the team mentioned on the left of the official fixture list where teams share a common venue) to arrange for a change of playing kit.

17.2 All teams participating in M/LGC, M/LGR and M/LTC leagues shall wear numbered shirts. Numbers are not to be duplicated within the same team.

18. APPEALS

Any appeals to the WPHU executive committee against decisions made by the Hockey Manager or League Secretary shall be lodged in writing within 24 hours of the decision and shall be accompanied by a R5000 deposit. This may be refunded at the discretion of the Executive.
19. **FINES:**

The following fines structure will be implemented for 2019:

19.1 Illegal reversion of players - R500, use of non-registered player - R500.
19.2 Not arriving for a match without 24 hours' notification - R500.
19.3 Conceding match with more than 24 hours' notice – R50.
19.4 Withdrawal from a league above the lowest league - R200; from the lowest league - R100.
19.5 Not playing postponed match by due date - R100.
19.6 Any incorrect information submitted on match cards or results submitted – R30 per card.
19.7 If match results are not received by the League Secretary by 17h00 on the Monday following the weekend of fixtures or by 17h00 on the day following a midweek match - R200.
19.8 Non-registration of players by the stipulated date – R500.
19.8.1 An additional fine of R100 will be levied for every week thereafter that registration remains incomplete.
19.9 Non-attendance at official WPHU meetings without having submitted apologies - R500.
19.10 Non-attendance at three consecutive Council meetings even if apologies have been submitted – R500.
19.11 Non-submission or late submission of match cards to the hockey office – R50 per outstanding card.
19.12 Use of more than eighteen or sixteen players for any match, as specified in rule 8.1 – R500.
19.13 A player receiving a red card - R500.
19.14 A player receiving a yellow card for umpire abuse / descent - R200
19.15 A player receiving a card green/yellow for swearing on the field – R100
19.16 Failure to supply ball patrol at GC match as detailed in 16 – R200
19.17 Failure to film GC match and upload footage onto VSAS platform as detailed in 16 – R100
19.18 Failure to supply personnel for technical tables as detailed in 16 – R100

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ADDENDUM TO WPHU LEAGUE RULES 2019

1. M6 League. A total of 11 entries have been received. The league will consist of two rounds. The first round will consist of a round robin of all teams. For the second round, teams finishing in positions 1 to 6 will form the M6A league, and teams finishing in positions 7 to 11 will form the M6B league, playing round robin fixtures against each of the opponents in the respective second round leagues. The venue will be the reverse of first round venue. All results achieved during the first round will be carried over to the second round.

2. L5 League. A total of 12 entries have been received. The league will consist of two rounds. The first round will consist of a round robin of all teams. For the second round, teams finishing in positions 1 to 6 will form the L5A league, and teams finishing in positions 7 to 12 will form the L5B league, playing round robin fixtures against each of the opponents in the respective second round leagues. The venue will be the reverse of first round venue. All results achieved during the first round will be carried over to the second round.

   a. Matches will consist of two halves of 30 minutes each (see 11.3), with a 5 halftime break.
   b. The league points system in section 5 (for “all other leagues” in paragraph 5.1) of the league rules shall apply. If a match is conceded, the points and score will be recorded as indicated in paragraph 5.1 and paragraph 5.6.
   c. Teams must provide their own umpires.
   d. All players shall be registered, and therefore identification as per section 2 of the league rules shall apply.
   e. Team colours should be as similar as possible to the senior club, and all players in the team should wear similar kit.
   f. Age of players – Players should not be younger than 13 years of age or in grade 8 and not older than 15 – In order to qualify to be U15 a player must have been 13 or 14 years old on the 01 January 2019.
   g. All parents/legal guardians must sign the WP Hockey U15 Indemnity form in order to allow the child to participate in the WPHU U15 league. If the form is not signed then the onus of any claim arising from the child’s participation in the U15 league will become the sole responsibility of the club whom entered the child into the league.

4. U13 Leagues: M13 consists of xxxxx entries, and L13 consists of xxxxx entries. All teams will play each other once on a round robin basis.
   a. Matches will consist of two halves of 20 minutes each (see 11.3), with a 5 halftime break. In M13, there is a maximum 15 minute break between the end of a match and the start of the next match. In L13, there is a maximum 5 minute break between the end of a match and the start of the next match. If a match starts late, the halftime break should be adjusted so that the match finishes 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the next match.
   b. The league points system in section 5 (for “all other leagues” in paragraph 5.1) of the league rules shall apply. If a match is conceded, the points and score will be recorded as indicated in paragraph 5.1 and paragraph 5.6.
   c. Matches may be postponed due to inclement weather or an unplayable field.
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