



Brisbane Indoor Hockey League
Competition Rules & Requirements

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1 Objectives & Values

Objectives:

- To provide the opportunity for all players, umpires and administrators / officials within the sport of indoor hockey to participate and develop; and
- To provide a safe, competitive and enjoyable environment for all; and
- To achieve participation growth within the available facilities and resources.

Core Values

Brisbane Indoor Hockey League (BIHL) is built on three core values:

- Healthy competition on the playing court; and
- Active co-operation off the playing court; and
- Mutual respect by all participations at all times.

2 Brisbane Indoor Structure

1. Brisbane Indoor Hockey League (BIHL) is a sub-committee of Brisbane Hockey Association (BHA). The BIHL Committee is governed by BHA Inc. and will comprise a minimum of four (4) members including a nominated BHA Board member.
2. Any conflict with BHA Inc. articles of association &/or bylaws with these Competition Rules and Requirements - BHA has precedent. Any areas that BIHL competition rules are silent then BHA / Hockey Queensland rules apply.
3. The final structure of the competitions will be determined by the BIHL committee based upon the team nominations and grading process, however the below table outlines proposed structure:-

COMPETITION NAME	DIVISIONS	NUMBER OF TEAMS
BIHL Senior Men	1 & 2	Up to seven (7) teams per division
	3, 4 & 5	Five (5) teams per division
BIHL Senior Women	1 & 2	Up to seven (7) teams per division
	3, 4, 5 & 6	Five (5) teams per division
BIHL Juniors	All	Up to seven (7) teams per division

4. Each team per division should be scheduled to play a minimum of twelve (12) games (fixture &/or grading) in the season or as otherwise determined by BIHL Committee. The exception will be Senior Men & Women Division 1 being a pre-Christmas competition.
5. The BIHL Committee reserves the right to grade teams or individual players into any division where it benefits the competition and also has the right to refuse the registration &/or nomination of any team or individual player.
6. BIHL Committee &/or the on-site Venue Supervisor has the authority and right to 'eject' or refuse entry to any person (player, official, spectator or parent) from BIHL playing venue. These actions would be taken whereby the person/s have failed to comply with BIHL Official/s directions, venue hire conditions, breaching the Code of Conduct or been issued a Red Card.

3 Local Rules

The BIHL Committee has discretionary powers over these Competition Rules and Requirements with respect to interpretation and application. This document replaces any previous versions of the Competition Rules and Requirements and will remain current until replaced with a newer version.

All those who 'participate' (i.e. players, officials, parents or spectators) in indoor hockey under BIHL management are bound by the published Hockey Australia 'Member Protection Policy' and relevant Code of Conduct. In addition, rules and guidelines issued by Government agencies and applicable departments (ie. Health, Education, Sport & Rec.) plus COVID-19 Safety Management Plan/s.

3.1 Local Competition Rules

These local rules shall prevail over any other rules. The order for applying rules is as follows:

1. Local Rules;
2. Rules of Indoor Hockey (FIH publication).

3.2 Durations and Starting Time.

Match Durations are as follows:

- a. Junior matches should consist of 18-minute halves with a 2-minute half time break except for grading games. Grading game timings can vary from competition timings.
- b. Senior matches should consist of 20-minute halves with a 2-minute half time break.

3.3 Time Keeping for Matches

1. Central Timing will be enforced during all matches played at all venues where available. The matches will be started by the umpires but the match will end on the siren at the end of the required period of time except in the case of extension of time to allow for the completion of a penalty corner or penalty stroke in which case the match will end on the umpires' whistle.
2. There is no "Time Off" in any matches (season or finals).
3. In the cases of injuries to players, the welfare of the injured player is paramount. Notwithstanding that, the match officials are to ensure that all injured players leave the field as quickly as possible. Where players incur a serious injury and cannot be removed from the field for a period greater than ten (10) minutes then the match shall be abandoned unless otherwise agreed by the team captains. Every reasonable effort must be made to complete the match at its scheduled time.
4. When weather conditions or other events cause the playing surface or venue to be unplayable as determined by the Venue Supervisor or umpires and more than ten (10) minutes of playing time is lost then the match shall be abandoned, unless otherwise agreed by the team captains. Every reasonable effort must be made to complete the match at its scheduled time.
5. Determining match completion:
 - a. A match is deemed to have been completed if less than 10 minutes of playing time is lost.
 - b. A match is deemed to have been abandoned if more than 10 minutes of playing time is lost.
 - c. Time lost due to late commencement of a match is not included in time lost.
6. A fixture match is deemed to be a postponed (unplayed) match if less than 10 minutes of the match has been played.
7. Where practicable the BIHL Committee may reschedule abandoned and postponed matches. If unable, the match result will be recorded as a Washout (0-0 draw).

3.4 Team Points Scoring for Fixture Matches

During the fixture competitions for all divisions the following points will apply:

- three (3) points will be awarded for a win;
- one (1) point will be awarded for a draw or washout;
- zero (0) points will be awarded for a bye; and
- three (3) points *and* six (6) goals to nil (0) will be awarded for a forfeit.

3.5 Late Starting of Fixture Matches

1. All indoor matches must start on time in accordance with the times set down in the fixtures. The decision of the Umpires &/or Venue Supervisor shall be final as to whether any team is late. Unless good and sufficient reason for the delay can be shown to the BIHL Committee or Venue Supervisor then the team prepared to play will be awarded the match as a forfeit win.
2. When a fixture match starts late, play shall commence on the umpire's whistle and continue up to the scheduled half time break. The second half shall commence at the scheduled time and the match shall conclude at the scheduled time in accordance with Competition Rule 3.3.

3.6 Forfeiture of Matches

1. Any team receiving forfeiture shall be credited with three (3) points and shall be treated as having scored six (6) goals to nil (0). Any team giving forfeiture will be treated as having lost the match six (6) goals to nil (0). In the event of two opposing teams giving forfeiture, the match will be recorded as a Washout.
2. For the purpose of these rules, a forfeit shall be deemed to have arisen when one team, on the day of play, either fails to appear at the time set down for play, and without notification that such team intends to forfeit, or appears at the playing ground with 2 players less than the required numbers. In such case the opposed team, before being credited, is to take the field and to comply in all respects with the requirements of these rules as fully as if the opposing team had appeared, provided however that such team shall not be required, when having taken the court, to take any further part in this match.

3.7 Postponement of Matches

1. BIHL reserves the right to postpone fixtures due to extreme weather conditions such as storms and flood. Contact is to be made with BIHL Competition Co-Ordinator or venue supervisor. Website will be updated as soon as practical.
2. In the event of the court being unexpectedly unavailable (school needs) or determined unfit for play (light failure or water on court) the matches will be postponed to a future date to be arranged by the BIHL Committee. If fixtures cannot be rescheduled the match results will be recorded as a Washout.
3. Determining the suitability of court for play shall be decided by the following personnel:-
 - Venue supervisor; or
 - Competition Co-Ordinator; or
 - BIHL Committee member/s

3.8 Umpires

BIHL via Competition &/or Umpire Co-Ordinator will appoint umpires to officiate at fixtures, however in the case that no umpires are appointed or available, teams will be asked to provide umpires.

3.9 Coaches, Team Managers and Spectators

1. Coaches (ex. Point 2 below), Team Managers and spectators are prohibited from the back-line for all games / competitions. Penalties will be invoked for breaches of this rule.
2. Coaching on the field - junior competition on dual court configuration only
 - (a) The lowest four (4) junior divisions are permitted to have one (1) coach on the court to assist their team for the entire season (excludes Finals).
 - (b) The fifth & sixth lowest junior divisions are permitted to have one (1) coach on the court to assist their team in the five (5) weeks of fixture games (excludes Finals).
 - (c) Coaches who assist their team on the court shall adhere to the following conditions:
 - i. The coach shall not umpire at the same time
 - ii. The coach shall remain in the middle half of the court and not enter either circle
 - iii. Where a coach shows dissent towards an umpiring decision, they may be ordered to the sideline for the remainder of the game by the umpires.

3.10 Player Substitutions

1. If a team is short for a fixture game, players from a lower division team can be obtained for that game, however you must have a minimum of four (4) players from your own team. Players may also be 'borrowed' from teams within the same division, but this requires agreement from both teams prior to the fixture game and noted on the Match Sheet. Teams are not able to 'borrow' players that would give their team more players than the opposition team. Breach will result in game loss as forfeit
2. Borrowing players from a higher division is not permitted, only exception that will be considered is goal keepers – BIHL / Venue Supervisor approval is required prior to the game. Breach will result in game loss as forfeit.
3. A player is eligible to play in a higher division as a substitute player a maximum of four (4) times without having to be re-registered into that division. Breach will result in game loss as forfeit.

3.11 Player safety equipment

Players are responsibility to ensure the necessary safety equipment is worn – refer table below. Mouth and shin guards are mandatory for all junior and under 18 year old players.

Personal Equipment	Players < 18 yrs old	Players 18+ yrs old
Mouth Guards	Mandatory	Recommended
Skin Guards	Mandatory	Recommended
Face Masks (on PC's)	Highly recommended	Recommended

3.12 Injuries

1. Where a player has been knocked unconscious ('knocked out') or on the advice of the First Aid Officer / Venue Supervisor that a player has a serious injury (ie. potential concussion, broken bones or large cut) that should preclude continued participation in the match the injured player:
 - a. Must take no further part in the match in which the player was injured, and;
 - b. Must not take part in any other hockey match on that day, and;

- c. Must produce a medical certificate from a doctor that clears the player to resume playing.
2. Where a player refuses to leave the court for any of the aforementioned instances the umpires or the relevant officials must order the said player from the field and not resume the match until this has occurred. Where a player continues to refuse to leave the court or continues to disrupt any match the said player will be cited for misconduct via Red Card.
3. In regard to 3.12.1.c above (mandatory medical certificate), the player's team co-ordinator / contact must forward such certificate to the BIHL Competition Coordinator or BHA Office for sighting by BIHL Committee before the player can resume playing in BIHL competitions.

3.13 Goalkeepers

BHA has followed the direction of our State and National bodies in not adopting the provision of a 'player with goalkeeping privileges' as outlined in FIH Rule 2.2. To clarify, in early 2007 when FIH changed Rule 2.2, the following was issued by Hockey Australia:

"Goalkeeping: That the recommendation as follows from Hockey Australia be adopted by Hockey Queensland. Hockey Australia recommends to all state and regional associations that the change to the FIH rules is not adopted for competitions below national championship level – thereby meaning that teams DO have a goal keeper at all times (fully kitted) for a game to be played."

Note. Tournament Rules are in place for such events run by HA.

Therefore all teams must have a goalkeeper wearing a different colour shirt and full protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers as defined in FIH Indoor Rules of Hockey.

If for unforeseen circumstances a fully kitted goalkeeper is not present for the match commencement; or is required to leave the court during a match by reason of injury or suspension; a team may:

- borrow a fully kitted goalkeeper from another club, provided that said goalkeeper plays in the same or lower division or age group (as applicable); or
- If no other goalkeeper is available, field a player with goalkeeping privileges.

A player with goalkeeping privileges:

- Is required to wear a helmet at all times; and
- Is required to wear a shirt which is a different colour to the shirts worn by both teams playing; and
- Is not permitted to take part in the match outside the circle they are defending; and
- Is encouraged to wear shin guards and a mouthguard.

Once a goalkeeper has arrived, a suspension has been served or a new player has been padded up, the player with goalkeeping privileges must be substituted for a fully kitted goalkeeper. For the avoidance of doubt, a team is not permitted to substitute off a fully kitted goalkeeper for a player with goalkeeping privileges in any circumstances not listed in above paragraphs.

3.14 Code of Conduct – behaviour management

1. All players, spectators and officials fall within the Hockey Australia Member Protection which includes a *Code of Conduct* and any reported breaches will be assessed by BIHL Committee to determine what actions / penalty is to apply. Venue Supervisor has discretion to 'eject' such reported people.
2. Any player who is awarded three (3) Yellow Cards within a rolling (6) match period (junior &/or senior matches), shall be automatically suspended for one (1) fixture match, once a suspension has been served, the player may resume playing with a "clean slate". Failure to serve such suspension mean that further penalties may be imposed by the BIHL Committee &/or BHA Judiciary.

3.15 Red Cards or Incident Reports

1. These are reported to the Venue Supervisor or Competitions Co-Ordinator via completed Match Sheet &/or Incident Report. The Venue Supervisor is responsible to liaise with BIHL Competition Coordinator &/or BIHL Committee to report any such incidents.
2. Venue Supervisor has discretion to 'eject' anyone from the playing venue whom has been issued a Red Card or considered to have breached the sports Code of Conduct.
3. BIHL Committee will assess and Red Card or Incident Report to determine what actions / penalty is to apply and advise the reported player of such decision. If the reported person seeks to 'appeal' the BIHL imposed penalty, then the matter will be referred to the BHA Judiciary for further assessment. The player/s and official/s involved will be contacted by the BHA General Secretary as required.
4. Any player issued a Red Card is unable to participate in any BIHL fixture / event until advised by BIHL committee of the reported incident outcome or completed appeal process.

3.16 Photographing and Recording

BIHL acknowledges that many parents / teams may wish to take photographs / videos of matches for both personal and coaching needs, and such allows such actions provided parties act in a totally responsible matter with such digital matter. In today's environment of privacy, personal rights and the potential for inappropriate use of such digital material, BIHL reserves the right for parties to participate in such activities. Any concerns of potential breaches are to be reported to the Venue Supervisor.

3.17 Playing uniforms

To ensure that each team's players are clearly identifiable for both teams and the Match Officials, all players within the same team must wear matching uniforms (i.e. socks, shorts / skirts and shirts.) Failure to comply will result in a formal warning being issued, continued non-compliance may see a penalty imposed thru loss of competition points. Coloured bibs will be available if teams have conflicting shirts.

4 Registrations

4.1 General

1. Players can only be registered in one (1) team per competition (i.e. Men, Women or Junior), BIHL may consider exceptions but generally these will be generally limited to goal keepers only. NB. Junior players can be registered in both a senior and junior team as these are different competitions
2. Any current State Open or Under 21 indoor players, those in the Australian Indoor Squads or in field hockey High Performance programs are restricted to playing Senior Division One (1) only.
3. A maximum of two (2) females aged 18 years or older may play in Men's teams (ex. Div. 1).
4. Any player who plays more than four (4) games during the season in a higher division within the same competition will be re-registered in a team in that higher division, thus unable to play in original team / division. Goal keepers can be exempt from this ruling with BIHL Committee approval.
5. A minimum of eight (8) players are required to enter a team into any of the BIHL competitions. Maximum number of players is twelve (12).
6. The BIHL Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse the registration &/or nomination of any team or individual player. Teams will be assessed on 'ability' based rather than 'age' basis for grading purposes.

4.2 Team Registrations

1. Team Co-ordinator / Manager or contact must nominate a team and players for registration with BIHL competition by submitting a completed Team Nomination Form before the published closing date. Nomination Form and details will be available from BIHL website.
2. The BIHL Committee or delegated representatives will assess the Team Nominations and will use results from previous competitions, details contained in the nomination form, any grading games and any other viable means to assist the grading process.
3. Once the nominated team has been graded and accepted by BIHL, every individual player and official (i.e. coach, manager) in that team is deemed to have accepted the Code of Behaviour Code and thus eligible to participate in the BIHL competition.

4.3 Age Eligibility

1. All Junior teams are to comprise players who are born in years 2005 to 2009 (inclusive) only.
2. To be eligible to play in the Senior Competition (ex. Div. 1) a player must be of the same gender as the competition and a minimum of 14 years old. Div. 1 is restricted to players of 15+ years of age.
3. It is the responsibility of team co-ordinators / contacts and parents/guardians to determine if it is appropriate and safe for the individual players to play in the nominated / graded division.

4.4 Player Registrations

1. All players must be registered and financial with Hockey Queensland for indoor hockey.
2. Any new players to a team must be accepted by BIHL following submission of an updated Team Nomination Form at least 24 hours before the fixture game and comply with Registrations rules.
3. Any team which plays an unregistered or unfinancial player will have the match result deemed a loss on forfeit.

4.5 Eligibility for Finals

1. A player must have played half (50 %) of the season competition games for their registered team in order to be eligible for finals. Grading games do not count towards finals eligibility.
2. The BIHL Committee may consider special cases in relation to the eligibility of players to play in semi-finals and finals of any division. The team requesting special consideration of the eligibility of the player must provide substantial reasons and supporting information / evidence.

5 Control of Matches

1. BIHL will endeavour to appoint Technical Bench Officers wherever possible, if not the Venue Supervisor or other BIHL representative will be responsible. The relevant duties are as follows:
 - a. Organise the conduct of matches on behalf of the BIHL to ensure that matches are conducted in accordance with Competition Rules & Requirements.
 - b. Complete the Technical Bench Officers' role in accordance with the "BHA Procedures and Guidelines for Technical Officials".
2. The first named team on the fixture draw will occupy the left side player bench of the tech bench as you look at the court from the tech bench, Second named team occupies the right side player bench.

6 Match Sheets

1. Match Sheet will be located at the designated Tech Bench centrally located beside the playing court. It must be completed prior to a fixture match and completed correctly as follows:
 - a. Surname first, followed by Given Name;
 - b. Registered Junior players playing in all senior matches must have the letters 'JNR' in brackets entered beside their name;
 - c. Team Captains must have the letter 'C' in brackets inserted beside their name
 - d. Any "fill-in" players must be recorded with 'SUB' in brackets inserted beside their name

Note: Failure to complete Match Sheet with players names within ten (10) minutes of scheduled fixture time, may result in the match being declared a loss on Forfeit.

2. Match Sheets are a single sheet that is to remain behind after the fixture and a record of goals scored and any Cards issued during the match. It is the responsibility of each team to complete / check that the details of the match have been correctly recorded, once satisfied a representative from each team is to sign the Match Sheet.
3. The Match Umpires are also required to check that the details of the match have been correctly recorded, once satisfied the umpires are to sign the Match Sheet. These details will be used as the basis for the payment of umpires.
4. The completed and signed Match Sheets are then the responsibility of the Venue Supervisor who returns them to the BIHL Competition Coordinator as soon as possible to enable updating and publishing of BIHL Fixture Results and Ladder.

7 Premiership Final Series

7.1 Determining Premiership Ladder Positions

After completion of all competition (fixture) matches, team placing on the ladder shall be determined for each division. Competition points awarded throughout the season are totalled and the ladder is arranged in descending order, i.e. the team with the most points appears at the top of the ladder. In the event of equal points, the team with the greater goal difference shall be placed higher on the ladder.

7.2 Finals Play-off Procedures

After determination of the positions within ladders the play offs shall be as follows:

Semi Final 1 Position 1 vs Position 4

Semi Final 2 Position 2 vs Position 3

Grand Final Winner of 1/4 vs Winner of 2/3

1. When the scores are equal at the conclusion of normal playing time in semi- finals the team which finished higher on the ladder at the completion of fixture rounds shall be declared the winner.
2. When the scores are equal at the conclusion of normal playing time in Final's, five (5) minutes extra time shall be played. If a goal is scored during this time then the game shall cease (golden goal rule), but if scores still remain level, then:
 - a) For Senior divisions, a shoot-out competition applies
 - b) For Junior divisions (full court), a shoot-out competition applies
 - c) For Junior divisions (dual - 3/4 court), the premiership is shared (team higher on ladder will receive Winners medal with other team receiving Runner Up medal)

7.3 Extra-Time Rules

1. At the conclusion of normal time there will be two (2) minutes rest during which time the umpires will toss a coin with the captains. The winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to re-start the match.
2. Golden goal - the extra-time shall cease once a team has scored or been awarded a goal. That team will be the winner of the match.
3. Normal interchange rules will apply during extra time.

7.4 Shoot-Out Competition

In a shoot-out competition, three (3) players from each team take a one-on-one shoot-out alternately against a goal keeper from the other team as set out in this regulation. The shoot-out competition comprises all series of shoot-outs required to determine a result. The following sets out both the playing rules and the procedures to be followed.

1. Respective team managers nominate three players to take and one (1) player to take the shoot-out from those eligible to play in the match as listed on the Team Sheet for the finals series match except as excluded below.
2. The above procedures must be carried out promptly so the first shoot-out of the competition can take place as soon as practicable of the completion of the extra time of the match.
3. A player who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition, cannot take part in that shoot-out competition. A player who has been warned (green card) or temporarily suspended (yellow card) may take part in the shoot-out stroke competition even if the period of their suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
4. The Technical Officer appointed for the match will specify the goal box to be used.
5. A coin is tossed; the team which wins the toss has the choice to take or defend the first shoot-out.
6. Only those players participating in the shoot-out are allowed to enter the court of play during the shoot-out competition but at the direction of the Technical Officer.
7. The goalkeeper/defending player of the team taking part in the shoot-out may be on the back-line outside the circle.
8. Players taking a shoot-out and also defending the shoot-out taken by opponents, are allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put back on their protective equipment.
9. Three players from each team take a shoot-out alternately against the goalkeeper/defending player of the other team in the sequence nominated, making a total of six shoot-outs.
10. Taking a shoot-out:
 - (a) The goalkeeper/defending player starts on or behind the goal-line between the goal posts;
 - (b) The ball is placed at the centre point three (3) metres from the top of the circle;
 - (c) Umpire checks with both defender and attacker;
 - (d) The umpire blows the whistle;
 - (e) The shoot-out is completed when:
 - i. A goal is scored or awarded;
 - ii. The ball lodges in the goal keeper's equipment, is caught by the goal keeper or player with goal keeping privileges or goes outside the circle;
 - iii. Shoot-out time (ie. 6 seconds) has expired.

11. The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has untaken shoot-out available) is the winner.
12. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
13. If during a shoot-out competition a player (either an attacker or a goalkeeper/defending player) is suspended by a yellow or red card:
 - (a) That player takes no further part in that shoot-out competition and, unless a goalkeeper/defending player, cannot be replaced;
 - (b) The replacement for a suspended goalkeeper/defending player can only come from the three (3) players of that team nominated to take part in the shoot-out competition:
 - i. The replacement goalkeeper/defending player is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the goalkeeper/defending player they are replacing was wearing;
 - ii. For taking his/her own shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again;
 - (c) any shoot-out due to be taken by a suspended player counts as no goal; the shoot-outs taken by this player and scored before being suspended count as a goal.
14. If during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper/defending player is incapacitated;
 - (a) that goalkeeper/defending player may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the team sheet for that match, except as excluded in this rule or unless suspended by an umpire during the shoot-out competition;
 - (b) The replacement goalkeeper;
 - (i) Is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the incapacitated goalkeeper / defending player was wearing;
 - (ii) If this replacement is also nominated to take a shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take his/her shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
15. If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken three (3) shoot-outs
 - (a) Sudden death shoot-outs is taken with the same players, subject to the conditions specified in this section;
 - (b) The sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-out need not be the same as in the first series;
 - (c) The team whose player took the first shoot-out in a series defends the first shoot-out of the next series;
 - (d) when one (1) team has scored or been awarded one (1) more goal than the opposing team after each team has taken the same number of shoot-outs, that team is the winner.
16. Unless varied by this rule (Shoot-out Competition), the Rules of Hockey apply during a shoot-out.

8 Communications

8.1 Communication with the BHA Office (BIHL parent body)

1. The telephone number of the BHA Office is 3899 4399. The telephones at the office are generally manned between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm week days. Should your call not be answered when telephoning the BHA Office, please leave a meaningful message on the answering machine. Include your name, contact number and the nature of your enquiry. Your call will be attended to as soon as possible. Alternatively email: **secretary@bha.org.au**

2. Further information such as fixtures, results, point's tables, venue locations etc, will be found via BIHL website www.brisbaneindoorhockey.org.au which is maintained by the BIHL Competition Co-ordinator.

8.2 Courtesy in Communications

1. Most people, who are involved with Hockey are volunteers and do so for the love of the sport. While there will be disagreements between people from time to time and the occasional mistake made, generally everyone is well intentioned. Most people accept constructive criticism; however abusive verbal attacks are not acceptable, either on or off the field. *Think before you let fly!*
2. Most players and administrators alike are employed in full-time or part-time employment. Many employers do not take kindly to continual interruptions of an employee. Limit calls to members' work places as much as possible. Where a person has indicated that they do not wish to be contacted at work, by telephone, fax and/or email, then please comply.

8.3 Player Insurance Coverage

Coverage is provided by Hockey Australia with [Honan](#) under a National Insurance Program, information is also available via Hockey Qld website under [Insurance](#).

9 Representative Program

9.1 Aims of the Representative Program

The aim of the program is to provide representative and development pathways for players, coaches, umpires and officials and build Brisbane's success as a Centre for indoor hockey in Queensland. The more specific aims to achieve this are:-

- To improve the standard of indoor hockey at all age levels
- To provide qualified coaches for our representative teams
- To provide training opportunities for the players
- To gain success for Brisbane teams at State Challenges / Events
- To develop our players to enhance opportunities for representation teams
- To provide specialist coaching for improvement in specialist skills
- To provide development opportunities for coaches, umpires and officials to progress to higher levels

That our representative teams set an example in both player and parent behavior on and off the court through actively supporting the sports' Code of Conduct for which we are all bound.

9.2 Age groups

These are in line with Hockey Australia and Hockey Queensland guidelines, however BIHL Policy is to select players within their age group.

9.3 Nomination Process

Once the representative events have been defined by Hockey Queensland, BIHL will plan our program and publish details on our website seeking nominations for the following:-

- Players
- Team coaches
- Team Managers
- Selectors

This will then enable BIHL to determine the number of teams for entry into the applicable age group state event. Parents of nominating players are not preferred for appointment of Coach or Selector; however BIHL will consider each nomination upon its merit.

9.4 Team Selection Process

Brisbane Indoor teams will be selected based upon 'playing merit' and assessed potential of those who nominate, who are eligible and attend the selection trials unless otherwise approved by BIHL Committee.

A selection panel will generally comprise the appointed team coach and a minimum of two (2) independent selectors who will assess players performance during selection trials and fixture matches, selectors decision is final and no formal feedback will be provided.

Selections will be confirmed to players within their own age group (e.g. No U11 players to be selected in U13 or above teams), however this may be relaxed if a shortage of players to select from or special circumstances approved by the BIHL Committee.

Selected teams and officials will be published on the BIHL website within five (5) days of the last selection trial unless otherwise advised.

9.5 Playing Time

BIHL preferred position is for all players to receive fair and equal game time over the course of representative tournament / games; however there are several factors that influence actual outcomes:

- Player injury &/or suspension (cards)
- Player behavior (on & off the court)
- Player on court performance (inability to handle game situations)
- Code of Conduct breaches (player &/or parent)

The team coach has responsibility to ensure that 'playing time' is adequately 'managed' and communicated within the playing group plus player's parents via the Team Manager. Record of actual playing time is to be maintained by the team manager and updates provided to the coach to enable them to 'manage' accordingly. Coaches have the discretion regarding game time for all players in semi-finals and finals.

Where there are two (2) goalkeepers included in a team (i.e. selected goalkeeper & development goalkeeper) the development goalkeeper should receive a minimum of 40 % of available game time.

Any breach of the sport's Code of Conduct by players or parents during the representative program (i.e. Selection trials, training or titles) will not be tolerated and may result in the immediate removal of the player from the team roster.