

**COUNTIES MANUKAU HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION
INC
COMPETITION RULES 2010 SEASON**

1. All matches shall be under the control of the Counties Manukau Hockey Association Board (CMHA) or one of its appointed sub-committees.
2. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the CMHA
3. The CMHA or a sub-committee shall decide the dates, times and grounds on which the various matches are to be played.
4. Once the draw is issued, the draw committee must approve any requests for changes to the draw. Any changes made without the draw committee's approval will incur a fine of \$50 per team. All requests must be in writing
5. The CMHA shall approve all playing grounds and reserve the right to cancel ground approval at their discretion.
6. All clubs must enter (not register) their teams accompanied by the entry fee of \$300 per team, before 12 noon on 18th March 2010 on the appropriate entry form supplied by the CMHA
7. No entries will be accepted unless on the correct entry form and accompanied by the entry fee.
8. The entry fee is non-refundable
9. Any late entries must be accompanied by an entry fee of \$300 per team and may be accepted at the discretion of the CMHA.
10. All affiliated clubs shall advise the CMHA of the contact details for their Club Office Holders and team contacts when submitting their entries.
11. All affiliated clubs shall, no later than the first competition day of the season, advise in writing on the form provided, a list of all players registered for their highest graded team or any teams in the A grade
12. Any club that registers more than one (1) team to play in a competition under the control of the board shall advise the CMHA of the teams ranking from highest to lowest. In default of the club advising the CMHA of its ranking, the CMHA shall rank the teams
13. Each team from any club shall have at least 14 registered players throughout the duration of the competition. Where any player of any team is unavailable to play through injury or any other cause for more than 2 weeks, then the club shall nominate a replacement player for the unavailable player.
14. Clubs shall register their best 14 players in their top team, next best 14 in their second team and so on. Players are only able to register for 1 club in the CMHA competition. 15. No

player in a higher ranked team may play for a lower ranked team except with the express permission of the CMHA. However the regular goalkeeper for a team who is recorded as goalie, on the team registration form may play in the field for the team ranked one below.

Ranking to be determined by CMHA competition placing's at the end of each competition round. This supersedes all club rankings at the beginning of the season.

Rounds:

- Origination – Week 15 April to 17th June 2010**
- Principal – Week 24th June to 5th August 2010**
- Conclusion – Week 12th August to 6 September 2010**
- Finals Day – Weekend: 16/17/18 September 2010**

16. If a player plays more than one rank higher, they shall not return to the lower ranked team without the prior approval of the CMHA Board. No player shall play for any higher ranked team more than three times during the season except under intercity rules. No player is permitted to play for another of their clubs team s if they are in the same grade.

17. Teams wishing to register new players after the initial team registration have been made, must submit the new players name and details to the CMHA in the prescribed format prior to the inclusion and playing of said player in any team. *(Forms are available from the CMHA office during business hours or the results box outside the office)*

18. For the Conclusion Round, any new registrations must be made by 12 noon, Monday 2nd August 2010. Late registrations will only be considered after this date if an application is made in writing to the CMHA who will decide if to allow or decline the registration

19. All player transfers between clubs within the Association must be in writing on the Approved transfer Form *(available from the CMHA office)*.

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21. Any and all transfers must comply with the NZHF and CMHA requirements before a player is eligible to play. A player registered with 1 club is not able to play for another club without the transfer form being completed in full and received by CMHA. If this happens in a competition game, competition points will be taken from the offending team and may result in default fees and fines being imposed.

22. No female player is allowed to register in any team in the men's grades and no male player is allowed to register in any team in the women's grades without the prior approval of the CMHA. No junior player shall play in the senior competition without the prior approval of the CMHA Board.

Game Cards

23. Before the commencement of every match, team cards with the names of all players on each side (maximum of 16) shall be supplied to the umpires by the respective Captains and it

shall be the duty of the umpires **not** to start the game until the completed cards are in their possession.

24. If names are not supplied within 10 minutes of being requested by the Umpires, the side offending will be considered to have defaulted the game.

25. If neither side supplies the player's names, then the match shall be considered void.

26. Completed game cards shall be signed by the umpires and Captains and placed in the box provided at the end of the match. It is the winning team captain's responsibility to ensure game cards are deposited in the box. If the game result is a draw then the captain of the team first listed on the draw shall be responsible.

Game Control.

27. A team may not take the field unless at least seven (7) of their players are ready to take the field at the allocated start time of the match. This includes a nominated goalie with a different coloured shirt and a helmet. If the minimum number of players have not taken the field five (5) minutes after the allocated start time of the match, and have been called upon by the umpire(s) to do so, the game shall be deemed a default by the team not taking the field on time and competition points awarded to the other team.

28. A win shall count for three (3) competition points, a draw one (1) point and a loss nil (0).

29. Rankings in all CMHA competitions shall be determined on the following basis:

- a) Points scored
- b) Number of games won
- c) Goal difference (i.e. goals for less goals against)
- d) Goals for
- e) If one team defeated the other in round robin play
- f) Stroke off (played in accordance with NZHF rules)

30. Where defaults have occurred and placing's need to be determined on goal difference, then all goals for and against from games involving teams that have defaulted in any game in the competition round will be counted as nil.

31. The CMHA or a sub-committee shall appoint all umpires to matches under its control. Clubs may also be assigned umpiring duties to control certain games. Clubs failing to provide umpires when appointed to games will be fined \$150 per umpire per infringement.

32. If a club repeatedly fails to provide umpires when appointed to games, the board may impose additional financial penalties, deduct competition points or take other action as it sees fit.

33. All teams shall play in club uniforms, which must be registered with, and approved by the CMHA. All uniforms shall comply with the Rules of hockey. Where there is a perceived conflict of uniform colours, the CMHA will direct one team to change their strip for a particular match.

34. Rule removed.

35. Misconduct

a. Any player, coach, manager or official may be issued with a green, yellow or red card by an umpire during the course of a match under the Association's jurisdiction. Penalty points are on the following basis:-

- Green Card 1 point
- Yellow Card 4 points
- Red card 12 points

b. Any player or official who accumulates twelve (12) points in any twelve (12) week period in games under the control of the Board shall be suspended from playing or officiating for a period of 10 days but not from more than two (2) competition games.

c. Following the suspension six (6) points will remain credited to the player for a period of twelve (12) weeks.

d. Any person affected may appeal against the imposition of the mandatory suspension under clause 2 herein. Such appeal to be in writing and to be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 to be received by the Administration Officer within 72 hours of the end of the game in which the red card has been issued or within 72 hours of end of the game in which the misconduct points have exceeded twelve (12) or more. Notwithstanding the filing of the appeal the person shall remain suspended until the suspension has been removed by the Judicial Committee or has expired by effluxion of time. If any such appeal succeeds in having the mandatory suspension removed or reduced the fee shall be refunded in full, otherwise the fee shall be forfeited to the Board.

e. Any player, or official issued with a red card in a match will be required to attend a judicial meeting in relation to the incident. The judiciary will hear from the person issued with the card, the umpire and any relevant person. The Judiciary will decide on the outcome and the required corrective action (see judicial hearing process).

36. The CMHA, Emergency Committee or in certain circumstances, the appointed umpires shall be the sole judge of the fitness or otherwise of any ground to be played on. If the ground is declared unfit (e.g. inclement weather), they may postpone the game either temporarily (max 30 minutes) or declare the game void in which case the CMHA will decide on a future date to play the game.

37. It shall be considered no game if any game played under the control of the CMHA does not consist of two (2) spells of at least 20 minutes duration each. This rule to be applied by the CMHA in consideration of games that have either finished early or been interrupted by unforeseen circumstances.

38. A coloured ball may be used in place of a white ball **but** only with the agreement of both team captains and umpires.

39. If a team has four (4) or more registered players unavailable due to CMHA representative commitments (i.e. Under 15 or higher rep teams) including representative Coaches or Umpires but excluding managers and other officials, then the club may apply for a deferral of the affected game(s). The game(s) shall be played at a later date scheduled by the CMHA, which must be before the end of the current round of the competition.

40. Any teams affected by player commitments to junior representative sides have no rights to a deferral of any games.

41. Any club unable to keep its engagements in any match must give at least three (3) whole days notice prior to the game to their opposition, umpires and the CMHA. Failure to do so will render the defaulting team liable for a fine not exceeding \$125 and may be charged full turf fees for the match if the time slot cannot be filled created by the default.

42. No person disqualified under any of these rules or the constitution of the CMHA shall register as a player, umpire or act as a coach or other team official.

Player Registration Penalties

43. Infringement of player registration or transfer rules will attract the following penalties per game that the infringement occurred or a player was involved in.

a. Where an offending team has drawn or won the game:

- Automatic loss of competition points gained from the game.
- Automatic awarding of three (3) competition points to the opposing team.
- If goal difference is necessary to decide a competition, then rule 29 will apply
- The Board may apply a fine of not more than \$200 per game at their discretion.

b. Where an offending team has lost the game:

- Automatic deduction of three (3) competition points from the offending team's points tally for that competition. It is possible for teams to have a negative points tally.
- If goal difference is necessary to decide a competition, then rule 29 will apply.
- The Board may apply a fine of not more than \$200 per game at their discretion.

c. Where two (2) teams have offended in the same game:

- Automatic deduction of any competition points awarded for the game.
- Automatic deduction of three (3) competition points from both offending team's points tally for that competition. It is possible for teams to have a negative points tally.
- If goal difference is necessary to decide a competition, then rule 29 will apply.
- The Board may apply a fine of not more than \$200 per game at their discretion.
- Infringement of other.

44. Infringement of other Competition Rules will be dealt with either as specifically provided for in each rule or at the discretion of the CMHA.

Appeals

45. All appeals must be forwarded to the CMHA within five (5) working days of the Board's decision; otherwise, the CMHA shall not be obliged to consider it

46. A fee of \$50 must accompany all appeals

47. The fee of \$50 will be forfeited if the appeal is deemed to be frivolous

48. If an appeal is upheld, the fee shall be returned; otherwise it may be retained by the Board to defray meeting expenses

49. All monetary sums listed in these rules include GST.

Youth Development Teams

- 50. The team must name at least 10 players aged less than 16 years old at 01/01/09
- 51. The team must name their 6 nominated Senior Players
- 52. There can only be 3 senior players on the field at any time
- 53. Any player can play no more than two club games a week.
- 54. All standard CMHA rules apply on the field
- 55. The role of the senior players in these teams is to guide the younger players and add structure to the games, not to try and dominate the games. The CMHA Board reserves the right to remove senior players who fail to abide with the spirit of the competition
- 56. Youth teams can be included in both the Men's and Women's competitions