

# **Werrington Zone S.S.S.A**

## **HOCKEY**

### **Grade Rules (26/11/04)**

(to be read in conjunction with General Zone Rules)

#### **PLAYING TIME**

There will be two games of 20 minutes. There is no half time break – straight change at the halfway point of the game. Games may be shortened where necessary, but should be no shorter than 15 minute games.

#### **BALL**

Each team must supply an all weather match ball – e.g. a Kookaburra dimple ball.

#### **UMPIRES**

Each school is to provide one umpire. First mentioned school on the draw is to umpire the boy's match and the second mentioned team on the draw is to umpire the girl's match.

#### **FINALS**

See General Rules. Finals will consist of two halves of 25 minutes.

**Normal rules of Outdoor Hockey apply with the following amendments:**

#### **NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

No more than 7 players may take the field at any one time. Teams starting the game with less than 7 players can make the number up at any time during the match.

#### **SCORING**

A goal may be scored from anywhere on the field.

#### **INTERCHANGE**

Unlimited interchange is permitted, however interchange players can only be made after a goal is scored or if the ball has left the field of play.

## **SHOT RESTRICTIONS**

Only Push shots or slap shots are allowed. **NO** hitting, flicking, scooping or raised deflections are permitted.

## **RAISED BALL**

Balls are not permitted to be raised, unless the umpire deems the raised ball to be accidental and does not affect an opposing player.

**Under no circumstances may a goal be scored from a raised ball.**

## **BALL OVER THE BACKLINE**

If the ball leaves the playing field over the backline:

- (a) by the defending team the ball is to be played at the corner of the field, closest to where the ball went out (e.g. a long corner)
- (b) if the ball goes over the backline off an attacking players stick the ball is to be played from the backline – in line with where it went out. In the case of the ball going over the backline within 5 metres of the goal, the ball is to be played from the backline 5 metres from the closest goalpost (cone).

## **PENALTIES**

- (a) If a defender breaches within 10 yards of the goal, the ball shall be taken back and played 10 yards from the nearest goalpost. **NO** player shall be within 5 yards of the free hit.
- (b) If a breach occurs by a defender within 5 yards of the goal that prevents the probable scoring of a goal, a penalty goal shall be awarded.
- (c) No goal shall be allowed from a free hit.

## **OTHER POINTS**

- 1) Teams consist of 7 players – **NO** Goalkeeper – no player has any privileges as a goalkeeper.
- 2) Players who argue, abuse or swear at the umpire or other players are to be sent from the field for the remainder of the match. One warning in general play is to be given and then followed up with suspension for the remainder of the play. Any player sent off is to receive automatic one match suspension (see General Rules)