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These Regulations apply to Ice Hockey Australia (“IHA” or the “Company”) and its Members only excepting, where applicable, to the general management of IHA as a whole.

1. General Matters

- 1.1. These Regulations are made by IHA under Clause 20 of IHA’s Constitution in pursuit of the objectives of IHA. These Regulations are binding on all IHA bodies and committees, sanctioned leagues and events, on all Member State, Territory, and National League Associations (Member Associations), their constituent bodies, clubs, teams, players, officials, members and any person or body whatsoever associated as regards to competitions of IHA and/or international games or competitions.
- 1.2. These Regulations are to be interpreted in accordance with Clause 2 of the IHA Constitution. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, IHA’s Constitution prevails over these Regulations.
- 1.3. All clubs, teams, players, team officials and game officials who participate in international or Ice Hockey Australia sanctioned games must be under the jurisdiction of their member state association.
- 1.4. The AIHF commenced trading as “Ice Hockey Australia” with effect 25 October 2002.
- 1.5. Ice Hockey Australia became a Public Company Limited by Guarantee on 18 November 2018.

2. Member Code of Conduct and Ethics

- 2.1. As a registered member of IHA, all individuals agree to abide by the IHA Member Code of Conduct and Ethics. This Code of Conduct and Ethics applies to all IHA members, including players, coaches, officials, administrators, managers, office holders and employees.
- 2.2. As members of IHA, the participants are to adhere to the following requirements in regard to their conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of IHA or Member Association and in any role they hold within IHA or a Member Association:
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others;
 - Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others;
 - Be professional in, and accept responsibility for their actions;
 - Make a commitment to providing quality service;
 - Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions serve as examples;
 - Be aware of and maintain an uncompromising adherence to IHA standards, Constitution, By-Laws and policies;
 - Operate within the rules of ice hockey including national and international guidelines, which govern IHA and the Member Associations;
 - Understand their responsibility if they breach or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Conduct & Ethics;
 - Do not use their involvement with IHA or a Member Association to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of IHA and the Member Association;

- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age in accordance with the IHA Member Protection Policy;
- Refrain from any form of abuse towards others;
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards or discrimination of others;
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity;
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be ill or injured; and
- Be a positive role model at all times.

3. State Association Membership & Affiliation

- 3.1. State, Territory, and National League Member Associations are listed in the Constitution. These Member Associations are the only Members with voting rights as per the Constitution. These Member Associations, on behalf of their Individual Members, or affiliated organisations shall be bound by the constitution, regulations and policies of IHA and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF).
- 3.2. Member Associations must pay an annual fee as set out by the Company.
- 3.3. Annual Member Association fees are due 01 March of the new financial year. IHA Member Affiliation is conditional on IHA receiving the following documentation:
 - 3.3.1. Audited Financial Report for the previous membership year;
 - 3.3.2. Incorporated Association Annual Return to State Government; and
 - 3.3.3. Any changes to the Member Association Constitution since the last submission.

4. Individual Membership

- 4.1. Any person wishing to participate in IHA sanctioned ice hockey events or an affiliate organisation must be an Individual Member of IHA and are required to sign the appropriate IHA Member Affiliation Application & Declaration Agreement and/or Esportsdesk Electronic Member Registration Agreement, for each playing season prior to participation through their respective Member Association.
- 4.2. An Individual Member shall be a current financial registered member of an IHA Member Association.
- 4.3. The IHA Board, at the Annual General Meeting, may set an Annual Capitation fee for each registered person of a Member Association, or such other amount, and as per the **"IHA Membership Fees & Remittance Advice"**.
- 4.4. All Member Associations must register all their Individual Members in their Association with IHA and in accordance with IHA membership category definitions and fees.
- 4.5. Two (2) categories "LOCAL" and "IMPORT" will apply to all IHA Individual Members.
- 4.6. A LOCAL player is anyone holding Australian citizenship, an Australian birth certificate, or permanent residency as defined by passport verification. All other players are classed as IMPORT players.
- 4.7. The transfer of import players must comply with the IHA and IIHF's International Transfer Regulations.

- 4.8. Australian born players returning to Australia after having either played in another country or after being transferred overseas must comply with International Ice Hockey Federation's Transfer Regulations.
- 4.9. Member Federations of the IIHF have the right to charge a Transfer Processing Fee as approved by the IIHF Transfer Regulations for import players 18 years and over.
- 4.10. IHA shall obtain written approval and support from the relevant Member Association prior to issuing an IHA Letter of Support for an IMPORT making application for a Sports Visa or Permanent Residency to the Australian Immigration Department.
- 4.11. Players, local or import, transferring from one IHA Member Association to another are required to:
 - 4.11.1. Obtain a release from their former team and Member Association by completing a Transfer Form or obtaining a Letter of Transfer from the Member Association they are currently or have been previously registered with;
 - 4.11.2. Complete such transfer to their new Member Association by the 30th June, with the exception of AWIHL players, unless substantiated with change of residency; and
 - 4.11.3. Such transfers will only take place once during the current playing season.
- 4.12. Any proof of age shall be an official birth certificate legally recognised by civil authorities in which the Member Association is operating.
- 4.13. In cases where it is impossible to secure birth certificates, the Member Association's President may, if supporting evidence is considered satisfactory, accept in lieu thereof duly certified baptismal certificates, issued before the age of ten (10) years, or the age at the date of entry into this country as certified by the form filled out at the port of entry.
- 4.14. Any player, officer, or executive member of a team or Member Association found guilty of falsifying a birth certificate, or having been party to, or having any knowledge of such, shall be suspended until dealt with by the IHA Board.
- 4.15. All players participating in any sanctioned Member Association game, league, training, or development program are required to pay the applicable Affiliation fee. All such registered players will have their registrations cease midnight the last day of February, and if they continue to be a member of IHA in the following season, will be required to register for the next season and pay such fees as set by the IHA Board as is normal.

5. Risk Management

The game of ice hockey in Australia is played under the rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation, as outlined in the current IIHF Rule Book. The IIHF Rules for ice hockey can be viewed at www.iihf.com.

- 5.1. Mouth Guards
 - 5.1.1. It is recommended that all players wear a custom made mouth guard.
 - 5.1.2. Effective 01st March 2022 all players in age categories 20 & Under and not wearing a full face mask, shall wear a custom made mouth guard.
- 5.2. Player's & Minor Coaches Face Masks and Visors
 - 5.2.1. It is recommended that all players wear a full face mask or visor.

- 5.2.2. All players participating in the 18 & under category must wear a full face mask or visor.
- 5.2.3. All players 19 and over must wear a half or full face mask or visor.
- 5.2.4. All female players shall wear full face masks.
- 5.2.5. Players shall not be permitted to wear a coloured or tinted visor or tinted full face mask.
- 5.2.7. Coaches aged 17 & under are not required to wear facial protection when conducting coaching duties during on-ice training sessions and are not allowed to partake in on-ice scrimmages or take the place of a player during drills at any time.
- 5.3. Neck and Throat Guards
 - 5.3.1. It is recommended that all players wear a neck and throat protector.
 - 5.3.2. Players and goalkeepers aged 20 years & under must wear a neck and throat protector.
- 5.4. Helmets
 - 5.4.1. All IHA accredited coaches must wear a helmet at all times when conducting on-ice sessions.
 - 5.4.2. All players in the 18 & under category must wear the ear protection that is attached to the helmet.
- 5.5. IHA Goaltenders are allowed to wear “cats-eye” face cages.
- 5.6. It is the player’s and team official’s responsibility to ensure that they are medically fit, able and clear of any injuries that may impact on their ability to participate when attending state, national, or other sanctioned competitions, including training camps as sanctioned by IHA or their respective State or Territory Association. Any irregularities prohibiting normal competition must be informed to the player’s State or Territory Association and the IHA Office.
- 5.7. Under aged players, as per the IHA minimum age of 17 years and under, are allowed to compete with open age players provided a Letter of Clearance is provided as per IIHF Rules.
- 5.8. In IHA, females may play in mixed competition with males in 17 years and under competitions, or in non-bodychecking senior competitions. Females are not permitted to play in mixed bodychecking hockey with males of age 18 years and older. The only exception to this rule is that female goalkeepers may play in bodychecking hockey competitions with males in any age division.
- 5.9. IHA 17 & under aged players may play up one age division only and by invitation only.
- 5.10. IHA recommends that for games with 18 years and younger players, where possible, officials are older than the age group in which they officiate. For games with players older than 18 years, IHA recommends officials are 18 years or older, but younger officials with appropriate skills and maturity may be approved and selected by the Referee-in-Chief of the relevant state or territory association. Any child protection or other legislation must be followed for each state or territory.
- 5.11. All games with players under the age of 18 must have a bench coach and manager at minimum on the bench.
- 5.12. Accredited Player-Coaches are required to maintain the same responsibility for their players as an accredited Bench Coach.
- 5.13. Injury Reporting System
 - 5.13.1. Team Managers or Medical Officers of teams who participate in IHA sanctioned events are required to fill out the IHA Injury Report Form whenever an injury occurs during an event and are to forward a copy to the IHA Office for processing.

5.13.2. Injury Reporting Form

- a) A copy of the IHA IRF form can be sourced from the IHA Office at iha@iha.org.au or IHA's Website at www.iha.org.au under "Governance & Insurance" & "Forms".
- b) All information gathered on the forms is strictly confidential.
- c) At the completion of the event, the forms are to be forwarded to the IHA Office for processing.

6. National Insurance Scheme

6.1. IHA negotiates and manages the following Insurance Policies on behalf of the Federation and its members:

- 6.1.1. Sports Injury;
- 6.1.2. Public Liability;
- 6.1.3. Directors and Officers;
- 6.1.4. Professional Indemnity; and

6.2. IHA insurances are **MANDATORY** for all IHA players, teams, coaches, managers, referees, linespersons, administrators and officials, including Learn-to-Play participants performing under the umbrella of the IHA, and who are Individual Members of IHA in accordance with IHA's Constitution and Regulations.

6.3. Come & Try participants are given gratis membership and insurance coverage for the duration of the Come & Try Program with which they have registered.

6.4. Insurance is paid at the time of registration through Esportsdesk and the relevant Member Association. No individual may register direct through IHA without prior approval.

6.5. In addition, IHA also holds Office Insurance that covers office and playing equipment held or stored in the IHA office or designated storage location.

6.6. It is recommended players have Private Health Insurance in addition to IHA Sports injury Insurance.

7. National Officiating Council & Programs

7.1. A National Officiating Council shall be formed comprising of IHA's Referee-in-Chief and the Referees-in-Chiefs of all IHA Member Associations.

7.2. IHA's Referee-in-Chief shall be the National Officiating Council's Chairperson and shall report and be directly responsible to the IHA Board.

7.3. The business and affairs of Member Association's referees and linespersons shall be managed and directed by the National Officiating Council and in accordance to IHA's Referee-in-Chief's Duties and Responsibilities Statement.

7.3.1. The National Officiating Council shall be responsible for the following:

- a) Develop, maintain, and enforce the "On-ice Officials Code of Conduct";
- b) Advise the Executive and Board on all matters relating to the rules of the game of ice hockey, refereeing, lining and off-ice officiating;

- c) Provide interpretation of the IIHF's and IHA's official rules on request from state associations and IHA members;
- d) Recruitment and training interested officiating members to qualify for referees and linespersons in every state;
- e) Selection and appointment of referees and linespersons for national league, tournament, or championship games in consultation with the relevant Member Association authority (i.e. scheduling the games);
- f) Evaluation and classification of IHA referees and linespersons;
- g) Submission of nominated officials for IIHF Cards and Seminars complete with written justification for the IHA Board's for consideration and approval;
- h) Submission of nominated IHA and ASC "National Official of the Year" complete with written justification to the IHA Board's for consideration and approval;
- i) Foster the New Zealand – IHA Referees Exchange Program and submission of a nominated referee complete with written justification to the IHA Board's for consideration and approval;
- j) Develop, maintain, and enforce a set of rules for the conduct of business of the National Officiating Council, subject to approval of the IHA Board and consistent with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the International Ice Hockey Federation and IHA. No rule or change of rule for the conduct of the National Officiating Council's business shall come into effect until approved by IHA Board.

7.4. The National Officiating Council will meet, herein referred to as the "National Officiating Council Meeting", prior to the beginning of each playing season or IHA Annual General Meeting, at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:

- a) Reading of the Minutes;
- b) Business arising from the Minutes;
- c) IHA Referee-in-Chief's Annual Report;
- d) Financial Report and approval of same;
- e) Notices of Motion;
- f) Review of IHA's Suspension Guidelines;
- g) Direction and strategies for furthering the development of on-ice officials; and
- h) Formation of the next season's officiating budget.

7.5. Each Member Association Referee-in Chief or nominated representative in attendance at a meeting of the National Officiating Council shall have the right to one (1) vote on each question or motion.

7.6. Minutes of all National Officiating Council Meetings shall be recorded and the IHA Referee-in-Chief shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the IHA Office.

7.7. Member Associations will be responsible for the cost of transporting and accommodating their representative to Council Meetings. IHA will cover the costs for IHA's National Referee-in-Chief, the meeting venue, and meals.

7.8. Subject to compliance with these Regulations and directives from the IHA Board, the National Officiating Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of

the National Officiating Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the IHA Board and be subject to review, amendment and approval from time to time by the Board.

- 7.9. Neither the National Officiating Council, the IHA Referee-in-Chief, nor any member of the National Officiating Council shall make any contractual or financial commitments on behalf of the National Officiating Council or the IHA except to the extent previously authorised by the IHA Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the Board, for which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the IHA Board at its meeting next following the said approval.
- 7.10. At least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting, and preferably for inclusion in the AGM agenda, the IHA Referee-in-Chief shall prepare and submit to the IHA Board a budget, including any proposals or changes to the current program for the forthcoming season for review and approval by the IHA Board. Said budget shall relate to and forecast the anticipated amount of expenditure and revenue for the National Officiating Council and/or Program in the forthcoming year.
- 7.11. Referees and linespersons are accredited through the IHA and the Australian Sports Commission. The accredited levels for IHA referees and linespersons are:
- a) Referees: Level-1, Level-2, Level-3 and Level-4
 - b) Linespersons: "Linespersons"
- 7.12. All IHA referees and linespersons must attend an IHA officiating course as outlined in the IHA's Officiating Program every 4 years or as a new rule book is released by IIHF. IHA reserve the right to require higher level referees to attend more frequent courses.
- 7.13. The IHA Referee-in-Chief is responsible to ensure every state has a registered instructor up to the Level as determined by the National Officiating Council. All other instruction and facilitation will be conducted by the IHA or an International Ice Hockey Federation Referee Facilitator.
- 7.14. Rates and Fees to be charged by referees and linespersons to IHA members and ice hockey teams for officiating at hockey games in each subsequent hockey season, including air fares, ground transport, accommodation and mileage rates, shall be determined by the by each Member Association, with the exception of IHA National Championships, which will be determined by the Board on recommendation from the IHA Referee-In-Chief.
- 7.15. An Individual Member or Member Association directly affected by a decision made by the National Officiating Council pursuant to the rules maintained for the conduct of business of the National Officiating Council shall be entitled to an appeal to the IHA Board provided that all rights and remedies of the said rules have been exhausted. The National Officiating Council may direct that an appeal may be made to the IHA Board without exhausting the rights and remedies provided by the said rules. An appeal as provided for in this Regulation must be filed in writing with the IHA Office on or before the seventh day following the decision being rendered by the National Officiating Council.
- 7.16. Any official referee or linesperson who wants to officiate in IHA sanctioned or international events will have to abide by the IHA and IIHF Officials Development Program.
- 7.17. Badges for referees shall have the name "OFFICIAL".
- 7.18. The National Referee-in-Chief or a nominated on-ice official as nominated by the National Coaching Council or Board, and as determined and approved by the Board for attendance at an IIHF's Annual Officiating Symposium, is subject to signing a Working Agreement to remain in the

position for a further two years. Failure to meet the requirements of the Working Agreement may allow IHA to recoup all associated expenses.

8. National Coaching Council & Programs

- 8.1. A National Coaching Council shall be formed comprising of IHA's National Coaching Director and Member Association coaching directors.
- 8.2. IHA's National Coaching Director shall be the National Coaching Council's Chairperson and shall report to and be directly responsible to the IHA Board.
- 8.3. The business and affairs of Member Association's Coaching Program shall be managed and directed by the National Coaching Council and in accordance to IHA's Coaching Director's Duties and Responsibilities Statement.
- 8.4. The National Coaching Council shall be responsible for the following:
 - a) Development, maintenance, and enforcement of the "Coach's Code of Conduct";
 - b) Recruitment and training of interested IHA members who wish to be a qualified coach in his/her state;
 - c) The development and mentoring of all IHA accredited coaches;
 - d) Assistance with the selection and appointment of coaches for IHA's National Teams in consultation with the IHA Board;
 - e) Registration and certification of all IHA qualified coaches; and "National Coach of the Year" will be selected by the National Coaching council from nominations received from Member Associations and ratified by the Board.
- 8.5. Develop, maintain, and enforce a set of rules for the conduct of business of the National Coaching Council, subject to approval of the IHA Board and consistent with the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the International Ice Hockey Federation and IHA. No rule or change of rule for the conduct of the National Coaching Council's business shall come into use until approved by the IHA Board.
- 8.6. The National Coaching Council is to meet, herein referred to as the "National Coaching Council Meeting", in March of each playing season, at which the following shall be the order of business:
 - a) Reading of the Minutes;
 - b) Business arising from the Minutes;
 - c) IHA's National Coaching Director's Annual Report;
 - d) Financial Report and approval of same;
 - e) Notices of Motion;
 - f) Direction and strategies for furthering the development of coaches; and
 - g) Formation of the next season's coaching budget.
- 8.7. Each Member Association's nominated representative (one per state) in attendance at a meeting of the National Coaching Council shall have the right to one (1) vote on each question or motion.
- 8.8. Minutes of all National Council Meetings shall be recorded and IHA's Coaching Council Director shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the Board.

- 8.9. Member Associations will be responsible for transporting and accommodating their delegate to the meeting. IHA will cover the costs for the National Coaching Director, the meeting venue, and meals.
- 8.10. Subject to compliance with these Regulations and directives from the IHA Board, the National Coaching Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of National Coaching Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided however that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the IHA Board and shall be subject to review, amendment, and approval from time to time by the Board.
- 8.11. Neither the IHA National Coaching Council, the IHA National Coaching Director, or a National Coaching Council Member shall make any contractual or financial commitment on behalf of the IHA National Coaching Council or IHA except to the extent previously authorised by the IHA Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the President, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the IHA Board at its meeting next following the said approval.
- 8.12. At least one (1) month prior to IHA's AGM, and preferably for inclusion with the AGM agenda, the IHA Coaching Council Chairman shall prepare and submit to the IHA Board a budget and any proposals or changes to the current program for the forthcoming season for review and approval by the IHA Board. Said budget shall relate to and forecast the anticipated amount of expenditure and revenue for the Coaching Council and/or Program in the forthcoming year.
- 8.13. All coaching levels must be taken in accordance with IHA's current ASC Accredited Coaching Program.
- 8.14. New coaches, entering the coaching program for the first time, must attend an IHA Coach Level I course for the purposes of certification prior to commencing their coaching duties unless they qualify for certification under IHA's Recognition of Current Competence Guidelines (RCC).
- 8.15. Active Level I Coaches who wish to advance their development will be given opportunity to progress through IHA's Coach Level II and Level III Programs. The staging of courses/seminars for these programs is subject to numbers and available finances.
- 8.16. All IHA coaches already holding current accreditation must attend and complete an IHA Re-accreditation Coaching Course and a Coaching Activity Sheet every two years.
- 8.17. The National Coaching Director or an IHA Accredited Coach as nominated by the National Coaching Council or Board, and as determined and approved by the Board, attend the IIFH's Annual Coaching Symposium subject to signing a Working Agreement to remain in the position for a further two years. Failure to meet the requirements of the Working Agreement may allow IHA to recoup all associated expenses.

9. National Player Development Council & Program

- 9.1. A National Player Development Council shall be formed comprising of IHA's National Player Development Director and Member Association's coaching and/or player development directors.
- 9.2. IHA's National Player Development Director shall be the National Player Development Council's Chairperson and shall report to and be directly responsible to the IHA Board.
- 9.3. The business and affairs of Member Association's Player Development Program shall be managed and directed by the National Player Development Council and in accordance to IHA's National Player Director's Duties and Responsibilities Statement.

- 9.4. The National Player Development Council shall be responsible for the following:
- a) Recruitment of players, particularly at the 'grass roots' level, to the sport;
 - b) Furthering the development of players 18 years & Under;
 - c) When requested, assist with the selection of players to IHA's National Teams in consultation with the IHA Board;
 - d) Develop, maintain and enforce the Players Code of Conduct subject to approval of the IHA Board and consistent with the Statutes, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the International Ice Hockey Federation and IHA.
 - e) Promote IHA's Come & Try Program whereby interested new players between the ages of 5 – 11 years are allowed to attend without an IHA fee. The program and procedure can also be extended to clubs who have a similar program or academy provided the name of the academy and same player information is registered with the IHA Office;
 - f) Assist with the implementation of other IHA Player Development Programs in each IHA Member Association.
- 9.5. Subject to compliance with these Regulations and directives from the IHA Board, the National Player Development Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of National Player Development Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided however that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the IHA Board and shall be subject to review, amendment and approval from time to time by the Board.
- 9.6. The National Player Development Council is to meet, herein referred to as the "National Player Development Council Meeting", once per annum (only if needed and practicable) prior to the beginning of each playing season or IHA Annual General Meeting, at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:
- a) Reading of the Minutes;
 - b) Business arising from the Minutes;
 - c) IHA's National Player Development Director's Annual Report;
 - d) Financial Report and approval of same;
 - e) Notices of Motion;
 - f) Direction and strategies for furthering the development of players 18 years & Under; and
 - g) Formation of the next season's player development budget.
- 9.7. Minutes of all meetings of the National Player Development Council shall be recorded and the IHA National Player Development Director shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the IHA Office.
- 9.8. Each Member Association representative (one per state) in attendance at a meeting of the National Player Development Council shall have the right to one (1) vote on each question or motion.
- 9.9. Member Associations will transport and accommodate their representative for meetings. IHA will cover the costs for its National Player Development Director, the meeting venue, and meals.
- 9.10. Neither the IHA National Player Development Council, the IHA National Player Development Director or a National Player Development Council Member shall make any contractual or financial commitment on behalf of the IHA National Player Development Council or IHA except to the extent previously authorised by the IHA Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior

approval of the President, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the IHA Board at its meeting next following the said approval.

- 9.11. At least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting, and preferably for inclusion with the AGM agenda, the IHA Player Development Council Chairperson shall prepare and submit to the IHA Board a budget and any proposals or changes to the current program for the forthcoming season for review and approval by the IHA Board. The said budget shall relate to and forecast the anticipated amount of expenditure and revenue for the Player Development Council and/or Program in the forthcoming year.
- 9.12. IHA is to conduct an invitational annual one week National Player Development Camp for players who were registered as 13U (11 – 13 years), 15U (14 – 15 years) and 18U (16 – 18 years) in the previous season at a venue suitable to host a maximum of 80 players plus instructors and officials. The camp will be administered in accordance to the following regulations:
- a) Financing of the camp will be by the participants based on a “user-pay” model, including a per camp subsidy as set by the IHA Board annually, and which is to be solely used to cover the associated expenses with the camp;
 - b) Participating players are to be selected on the basis of having participated in IHA’s national championships and/or possess the appropriate playing skills and character for potential selection and subsequent invitation as nominated and approved by their respective State or Territory Association;
 - c) The Player Development Council is to determine the criteria and program for the camp, including instruction requirements; and
 - d) Submit a Development Camp budget for each category for the IHA’s Board approval.
- 9.13. Players invited to represent IHA and attend IIHF Player Development Camps will be required to pay a nominated fee based on the amount of IIHF Development Funds allocated to IHA. IHA will pay all associated costs for IHA nominated coaches and officials as approved by the IHA Board.

10. National Women’s Council & Programs

- 10.1. A National Women’s Council shall be formed comprising of IHA’s National Women’s Program Director and the Women’s Directors of IHA’s Member State and Territory Associations.
- 10.2. The IHA National Women’s Program Director shall be the National Women’s Council Chairperson and shall report to and be directly responsible to the IHA Board.
- 10.3. The business and affairs of Member State and Territory Association’s Women’s Program shall be managed and directed by the National Women’s Council and in accordance to the National Women’s Program Director’s Duties and Responsibilities Statement.
- 10.4. The National Women’s Council shall be responsible for the administration and management of the IHA’s Women’s Program as per but not restricted to the following:
- a) Recruitment of new players, coaches and officials to the sport in every state;
 - b) Assist the IHA Board with the appointment of national women’s team officials;
 - c) Assist the IHA Board with the selection of players to the National Women’s Team;
 - d) Liaise with the Australian Women’s Ice Hockey League to further the elite program;
 - e) Be directly responsible for the management of development programs, including all

- associated financial responsibilities for each; and
- f) Assist with the implementation and management of other IHA Women's Development Programs in each IHA member state or territory.
- 10.5. The National Women's Council is to meet, herein referred to as the "National Women's Council Meeting", once per annum (only if needed and practicable), prior to the beginning of each playing season or IHA Annual General Meeting at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:
- a) Reading of the Minutes;
 - b) Business arising from the Minutes;
 - c) IHA Women's Council Chairman's Annual Report;
 - d) Financial Report and approval of same;
 - e) Notices of Motion;
 - f) Direction and strategies for furthering the development of IHA member female players; and
 - g) Formation of the next season's player development budget.
- 10.6. Each member on the council attending a meeting of the National Women's Council shall have the right to one (1) vote on each question or motion.
- 10.7. Minutes of all National Women's Council Meetings shall be recorded and the IHA Women's Council Chairman shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the Board.
- 10.8. Members Associations will pay to transport and accommodate their representatives at meetings. IHA will cover the costs for its National Women's Program Director, the meeting venue, and meals.
- 10.9. Subject to compliance with these Regulations and directives from the IHA Board, the National Women's Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of National Women's Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided however that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the IHA Board and shall be subject to review, amendment and approval from time to time by the Board.
- 10.10. Neither the IHA National Women's Council, IHA National Women's Director or any member of the National Women's Council shall make any contractual or financial commitment on behalf of the IHA National Women's Council or IHA except to the extent previously authorised by the IHA Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the President, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the IHA Board at its meeting next following the said approval.
- 10.11. At least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting, and preferably for inclusion with the AGM agenda, the IHA Women's Director shall prepare and submit to the IHA Board a budget and any proposals or changes to the current program for the forthcoming season for review and approval by the IHA Board. The said budget shall relate to and forecast the anticipated amount of expenditure and revenue for the Women's Council and/or Program in the forthcoming year.
- 10.12. The National Women's Council, through the management and administration of the IHA Office, Board and Member State Associations, and in accordance to these Regulations, is responsible for the following National Women's Programs:
- a) Australian Women's Ice Hockey League (AWIHL) - Conducted annually during the summer season and as per the rules and policies as developed by the National Women's Council and approved by the IHA Board;

- b) Selects U18 Team – Training camps and exhibition games for U18 female players.
- c) Trans-Tasman Cup – A tournament competition between IHA’s Women’s Select Team and New Zealand Teams; and

11. National Medical Council & Programs

- 11.1. A National Medical Council shall be formed comprising of IHA’s Chief Medical Officer and the Medical Officers of IHA’s Member Associations.
- 11.2. The IHA National Chief Medical Officer shall be the National Medical Council’s Chairperson and shall report to and be directly responsible to the IHA Board.
- 11.3. The business and affairs of Member Association’s Medical Program shall be managed and directed by the National Medical Council and in accordance to IHA’s Chief Medical Officer’s Duties and Responsibilities Statement.
- 11.4. The National Medical Council shall be responsible for the administration of IHA’s National Sports Medical Program, including but not restricted to the following:
 - a) Administer and supervise all Sports Medicine and Drug Education Programs under the jurisdiction of the IHA;
 - b) Make appropriate recommendations and advise the Board on all medical matters and issues relating to Sports Medicine and Drug Education as it affects ice hockey in Australia;
 - c) Maintain an IHA Injury, Spinal Injury and Concussion Reporting System;
 - d) Coordinate education programs on the IHA Anti-Doping Policy, as well as Australian Olympic Council, IIHF, and World Anti-Doping Agency Doping Control Regulations to IHA National Teams competing in IIHF World Championships, and IHA Member State Associations;
 - e) Assist host states and the IHA National Championship Director to ensure adequate Medical Support Services (Ambulances & First Aid) are in place at all IHA National Competitions;
 - f) Provide advice to IHA Coaches and National Teams on Nutrition and Hydration Standards;
 - g) Ensure that current information on Sports Medicine and Drug Education is maintained on the IHA Website, or that links to this information are available;
 - h) The adherence to prohibitive substances at all levels in accordance to Sport Integrity Australia’s Prohibitive Substance and Anti-Doping Education & Awareness Programs; and
 - i) The reporting and recording of IHA Injury, Spinal Injury, and Concussions and programs developed and implemented to prevent and/or reduce the occurrences of such injuries.
- 11.5. The National Medical Council is to meet, herein referred to as the “National Medical Council Meeting”, once per annum (only if needed and practicable) and prior to the beginning of each playing season or IHA Annual General Meeting, at which meeting the following shall be the order of business:
 - a) Reading of the Minutes;
 - b) Business arising from the Minutes;
 - c) IHA Chief Medical Officer’s Annual Report;
 - d) Financial Report and approval of same;
 - e) Notices of Motion;

- f) Direction and strategies for furthering the development of IHA's Medical Program; and
- g) Formation of the next season's Medical Program's budget.

- 11.6. Each medical council member attending a meeting of the National Medical Council shall have the right to one (1) vote on each question or motion.
- 11.7. Minutes of all National Medical Council Meetings shall be recorded and the IHA Medical Council Chairperson shall forthwith forward a copy of the same to the IHA Board.
- 11.8. Member Associations will transport and accommodate their representatives at meetings. IHA will cover the costs for the National Chief Medical Officer, the meeting venue, and meals.
- 11.9. Subject to compliance with these Regulations and directives from the IHA Board, the National Medical Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of National Medical Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided however that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the IHA Board and shall be subject to review, amendment and approval from time to time by the Board.
- 11.10. Neither the IHA National Medical Council, IHA National Chief Medical Officer or any member of the National Medical Council shall make any contractual or financial commitment on behalf of the IHA National Medical Council or IHA except to the extent previously authorised by the IHA Board or, in the event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the Board, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the IHA Board at its meeting next following the said approval.
- 11.11. At least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting, and preferably for inclusion with the AGM agenda, the IHA Chief Medical Officer shall prepare and submit to the IHA Board any proposals or changes to the current program for the forthcoming season for review and approval by the IHA Board.
- 11.12. The Chief Medical Officer, as determined and approved by the Board, attends the IIHF's Annual Medical Symposium subject to signing a Working Agreement to remain in the position for a further two years. Failure to meet the requirements of the Working Agreement may allow IHA to recoup all associated expenses.

12. National Marketing & Merchandising Council & Programs

- 12.1. A National Marketing and Merchandising Council shall be formed comprising of IHA's Marketing & Merchandising Director, the IHA Executive and IHA's Merchandising Service Provider & Supplier.
- 12.2. The IHA National Marketing & Merchandising Director shall be the National Marketing & Merchandising Council's Chairperson and shall report to and be directly responsible to the IHA Board.
- 12.3. The business and affairs of IHA's Marketing & Merchandising Program shall be managed and directed by the National Marketing & Merchandising Council and in accordance to IHA's Marketing & Merchandising Director's Duties and Responsibilities Statement.
- 12.4. The National Marketing & Merchandising Director is authorised to coordinate and correspond on all matters relating to the National Marketing & Merchandising Program on behalf of IHA.
- 12.5. The National Marketing & Merchandising Director, with the assistance of the National Marketing & Merchandising Council, shall be responsible for the administration and management of the IHA's Marketing & Merchandising Program, but not restricted to the following:

- 12.5.1. Ensure all aspects of IHA's Marketing & Merchandising Programs are carried out in accordance to the IHA's Marketing & Merchandising Strategic Plan;
- 12.5.2. Establish and manage the operation of the IHA's National Marketing & Merchandising Committee;
- 12.5.3. Plan, create, develop, administer and supervise all marketing and merchandising programs under the jurisdiction of the IHA;
- 12.5.4. Ensure that current information on the marketing and promotion of ice hockey is maintained on the IHA Website.
- 12.5.5. Make appropriate recommendations and advise the Board on all matters and issues relating to the IHA's National Marketing & Merchandising Program, including, but not limited to:
 - a) general & corporate sponsorship & fund raising events;
 - b) affiliate and membership promotions;
 - c) advertising, public relations and publicity;
 - d) licensing and merchandising;
 - e) market research related to ice hockey; and
 - f) the marketing and promotion of major events.

12.6. Subject to compliance with these Regulations and directives from the IHA Board, the National Marketing & Merchandising Council may adopt such procedures and regulations for the internal administration of National Marketing & Merchandising Council and its business, as it deems appropriate, provided however that the procedures and regulations so adopted shall be filed with the IHA Board and shall be subject to review, amendment and approval from time to time by the Board.

12.7. Neither the IHA's National Marketing & Merchandising Director nor any member of the IHA's National Marketing & Merchandising Committee shall make any contractual or financial commitments on behalf of the National Marketing & Merchandising Committee or IHA except to the extent previously authorised by the Board or, in event of an emergency, with the prior approval of the President, which approval shall be subject to review and ratification by the Board at its first meeting following the said approval.

13. Affiliated Leagues & Organisations

13.1. IHA Member Associations and Affiliated Organisations are required to register all leagues under their jurisdiction, including game schedules and teams with Esportsdesk. In addition, the IHA Office will have the right to request and obtain game sheets of games in each registered league.

13.2. All games involving Individual Members are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of IHA.

14. National Championships

14.1. General Matters

14.1.1. All IHA National Championships which Member State or Territory Associations host on behalf of

IHA, shall be conducted as per Section 14 of the IHA Sport Regulations.

- 14.1.2 With exception of Clause 14.1.13, IHA National Championships are conducted for the sole purpose of one “representative” age category state team from each Member State or Territory Association. No other team, be it non-member, international or otherwise, is permitted to compete.
- 14.1.3. IHA shall appoint a National Tournament Director to supervise all IHA National Championships as directed by the IHA Board. As required and approved by the Board, the IHA National Tournament Director, or another appointed person will attend all Championships and carry out such duties as determined by the Board.
- 14.1.4 The host Member Association shall appoint a Championship Director to ensure the Championship is conducted in an efficient manner and safe playing environment. As a minimum, it is mandatory a qualified first aid person and first aid equipment is present and available at all Championship games.
- 14.1.5. IHA National Championships are held for the following age categories. The age of players in each category is determined by the age of the player as of 11:59pm 31st December of the year the Championship is being played in.
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| (a) Phil Ginsberg | 13 years and under (13U) |
| (b) Kurt DeFris | 15 years and under (15U) |
| (c) Syd Tange | 18 years and under (18U) |
| (d) Jim Brown | 17 years and over (17+) (turning 17 in that year) |
| (e) Stephanie Boxall | 15 years and over (15+) (turning 15 in that year) |

For Jim Brown, there is no limit to the number of AIHL players allowed to play.

- 14.1.6. IHA National Championships shall be held during the following months:
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| (a) Phil Ginsberg | August |
| (b) Kurt DeFris | end of July/beginning of August |
| (c) Syd Tange | July Holidays (due Yr. 12 & Yr. 11 exams) |
| (d) Jim Brown | October |
| (e) Stephanie Boxall | May or in combination with Brown in October |
- 14.1.7 IHA Championships are not to have a national team “selection camp” added to them.
- 14.1.8. Fines incurred by a Member Association in respect to a particular Championship must be paid prior to the Championship before that Association is eligible to participate in the current or next year’s Championship.
- 14.1.9. Member Associations are responsible to ensure DeFris, Tange, Boxall and Brown players are aware and comply with the IHA Prohibitive Substance Policy when attending IHA National Championships. This responsibility will be confirmed by signing the Team Entry Form. (Not required for Ginsberg players as per Sports Integrity Australia June 2004). Exemptions for

players' therapeutic use of substances in the Prohibited Substance Policy must be sought by completing *Form 14.17.6 National Championship Standard Therapeutic Use Exemption*

- 14.1.10. Any reported damages or offences to any public property, other than accidental, will be paid for by IHA and those costs will be recovered from the offending team's Association. Damage claims must be verified and authorized by the Host Association Organizing Committee and wherever possible, the offending team's manager. Failure to pay for the damages will result in disciplinary action against the offending player/team/Association.
- 14.1.11. Responsibility for the planning and conducting of IHA Championships is shared between the National Tournament Director and the host Association Championship Director/Organizing Committee. *Form 14.17.10 National Championship Checklists* for these responsibilities are included in these regulations.
- 14.1.12. Any team who intentionally forfeits a game will be suspended from further play and relegated to last position. A Tribunal may be conducted to investigate further disciplinary action. IHA reserves the right to take further action if it deems necessary.
- 14.1.13. The Australian Women's' Ice Hockey League (AWIHL) and the Australian Junior Ice Hockey League (AJIHL) shall be treated as a National Championship in respect to IHA awards and services. IHA will also pay for referees for the Australian Ice Hockey League (AIHL) Finals series.

14.2. IHA National Championship Rules

- 14.2.1. All National Championship games will comply with the current International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Official Rule Book and these Regulations.
- 14.2.2. Championship specific rules are as follows:

(a) Phil Ginsberg Memorial Trophy

- (1) Open to both male and female players
- (2) No body checking
- (3) Teams to be permitted a minimum of five minutes warm up, with a minimum of two minutes break between period 1 and 2
- (4) Games shall consist of three 15 minute periods stop-time periods.
- (5) The ice is to be resurfaced before each game and after the second period of each game.

(b) Kurt Defris Memorial Trophy

- (1) Open to both male and female players
- (2) Teams shall be permitted a minimum of five minutes warm up prior to each game, with two minute break between period 1 and 2
- (3) Games shall consist of three 15 minute stop-time periods
- (4) The ice is to be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods and before commencement of each game

(c) Syd Tange Trophy

- (1) Open to male players and goalkeepers and female goalkeepers
- (2) Teams shall be permitted a minimum of five minutes warm up prior to each game, with two minute break between period 1 and 2
- (3) Games shall consist of three 15 minute stop time periods.
- (4) The ice is to be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods and before commencement of each game

(d) Jim Brown Trophy

- (1) This National Championship is open to male players and female goalkeepers
- (2) Teams shall be permitted a minimum of five minutes warm up prior to each game, with two minute break between period 1 and 2
- (3) Games shall consist of three 15 minute stop-time periods.
- (4) The ice is to be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods and before commencement of each game

(e) Stephanie Boxall Trophy

- (1) This Championship is an open age women's competition
- (2) Teams shall be permitted a minimum of five minutes warm up prior to each game, with two minute break between period 1 and 2
- (3) Games shall consist of three 15 minute stop-time periods.
- (4) The ice is to be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods and before commencement of each game

(f) John Goodall Cup

(Applicable only if played for by the States)

- (1) This National Championship is superseded by the Australian Ice Hockey League (AIHL) Play-off Championships conducted under the AIHL Regulations
- (2) A replica of the Goodall Cup, which shall remain the property of IHA at all times, will be presented to the AIHL Championship Team and the names of the players and officials from the winning team will be engraved on the original Goodall Cup at the expense of IHA
- (3) At all times the Goodall Cup and associated naming rights remain the property of IHA unless otherwise determined

(g) OiHAN

- (1) OiHAN Tournaments are conducted under OiHAN's constitution, Regulations and Responsibilities and in accordance with IHA's Sport Regulations and Policies
- (2) Each Player must be a registered IHA member of OiHAN
- (3) Players are not restricted to State borders and are permitted to play for any team of their choosing subject to the OiHAN Board approval
- (4) No intentional body contact
- (5) No slap shots (stick above the knee)
- (6) Games shall consist of three 15 minute straight time periods and, if time permits, the last minute of the 1st and 2nd periods will be "stop time" and the last three minutes of the 3rd period will be "stop time".

- (7) Teams shall be permitted a minimum five minutes warm-up prior to each game, with two minute break between periods.

14.3 Seeded Draw

14.3.1. IHA National Championships are to be round robin at all times. Should a Championship occur that has only 3 teams, a double round robin may be allowed.

14.3.2. Seeding for a given year's Championships are determined by the final standings after the Gold Medal game of the previous Championships. e.g. Gold, Silver, Bronze are seeded 1, 2 and 3, loser Bronze game seeded 4, and other teams seeded as they finished in the round-robin. The draw should follow the draw below, but it is accepted that changes may be necessary due to the available ice times.

14.3.3. Wherever possible, teams should not play back-to-back games, especially if completing a game in the evening then playing early the next morning. The draw should always be fair and even for all teams. Host associations are not always considered the home team and must follow the format below for home and away.

14.3.4. Game Schedule for a Four Team Championship (home team is first seeding listed below):

Game 1	1 v 3	
Game 2	2 v 4	
Game 3	3 v 2	
Game 4	4 v 1	
Game 5	1 v 2	
Game 6	3 v 4	
Game 7	T1 v T4	First Semi-final
Game 8	T2 v T3	Second Semi-final
Game 9	Loser G7 v Loser G8	Consolation Final
Game 10	Winner G7 v Winner G8	Grand Final

14.3.5. Game Schedule for Championship with Five Teams (home team is first seeding listed below):

Game 1	4 v 2	
Game 2	1 v 5	
Game 3	3 v 4	
Game 4	2 v 5	
Game 5	1 v 3	
Game 6	4 v 5	
Game 7	1 v 2	
Game 8	3 v 5	
Game 9	1 v 4	
Game 10	2 v 3	
Game 11	T1 v T4	First Semi-final
Game 12	T2 v T3	Second Semi-final
Game 13	L11 v L12	Consolation Final
Game 14	W11 v W12	Grand Final

14.3.6. Game Schedule for Championship with Six Teams (home team is first seeding listed below):

Game 1	5 v 3	
Game 2	4 v 2	
Game 3	6 v 1	
Game 4	2 v 5	
Game 5	3 v 6	
Game 6	1 v 4	
Game 7	2 v 3	
Game 8	6 v 4	
Game 9	1 v 5	
Game 10	2 v 6	
Game 11	3 v 1	
Game 12	4 v 5	
Game 13	1 v 2	
Game 14	3 v 4	
Game 15	5 v 6	
Game 16	T1 v T4	First Semi-final
Game 17	T2 v T3	Second Semi-final
Game 18	Loser G16 v Loser G 17	Consolation Final
Game 19	Winner G 16 v Winner G17	Grand Final

14.3.7. Alternative Three Team Schedule (double Round-Robin)

Game 1	2 v 3	
Game 2	1 v 2	
Game 3	1 v 3	
Game 4	3 v 2	
Game 5	2 v 1	
Game 6	3 v 1	
Game 7	3 rd vs 2 nd	Semi - Final
Game 8	1 st vs winner G7	Grand Final

14.4 Play - Off Determination

14.4.1. Each team will play each other at least once in the round robin

- Three points for the winning team at the end of regulation time
- One point for each team if tied at the end of regulation time
- If tied at the end of regulation time, Game Winning Shot Procedure will take place with an additional point to the winning team
- Zero points to the team losing in regulation time
- The Game Winning Shot Procedure will be conducted in accordance with the IIHF Rule Book.
- Regardless of the number of goals scored during the shoot-out only the winning goal will be recorded giving the winning team one goal more than the score at the end of regulation time
- No goals scored during the shoot-out will be shown in the game statistics

- (h) *Form 14.17.11 Game Winning Shootout Results* is to be completed and attached to the game sheet

14.4.2. Team standings for the play-offs will be determined as follows:

- (a) Highest points earned in the round robin games shall be T1, the second highest, T2 and so on.
- (b) If tied, then the highest number of goals scored between the tied teams in their direct games with each other will be decisive
- (c) If there should be three or more teams tied on points, then a tie breaking procedure will be applied as follows. This process will continue until only two teams are tied, when the result between the two teams will determine the highest placed team. In the case where the teams cannot be separated, the following steps will apply:

Step 1. Taking into consideration the games between the tied teams, a sub-group is created applying the points awarded in the direct games from which the teams are then ranked.

Step 2. Should three or more teams still remain tied in points, then the better goal difference in the direct games amongst the tied teams will be decisive.

Step 3. Should three or more teams remain tied in points and goal difference, then the highest number of goals scored by these teams in their direct games will be decisive.

Step 4. Should three or more teams still remain tied in points, goal difference and goals scored then the results between each of the tied teams and closest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied. In the case the tied team with the best result (1. Points, 2 goal difference, 3, more goals scored) against the closest best ranked team will take precedence

Step 5. Should the teams still remain tied, then the results between each of these teams and the next highest best-ranked team outside the sub-group will be applied.

Step 6. Should the teams still remain tied after these five steps have been exercised, then Sport considerations will be applied and the teams will be ranked by their positions coming into the Championship (i.e. seedings)

14.4.3. Finals games schedule:

- (a) First semi-final T1 versus T4, winner to Grand Final game, loser to the Consolation final
- (b) Second semi-final T2 versus T3, winner to Grand Final game, loser to the Consolation Final
- (c) Winner of the Consolation Final will be awarded the Bronze Medal.
- (d) Winner of the Grand Final game will be awarded the Gold Medal, the loser awarded the Silver Medal
- (e) If time allows, Associations are encouraged to play a 5th vs 6th in the Ginsberg and De Fris tournaments.

14.4.4. Finals games determination:

- a) In the Finals of National Championships where scores are tied after stop time, there will be a 2-minute intermission followed by a sudden death overtime of ten minutes. Teams will not change of ends. Numerical strength will be five (5) players and one (1) goaltender), subject to penalties.
- b) If no goal is scored in the overtime period, then the Game Winning Shot Procedure will be conducted in accordance with the IIHF Rule Book.

14.5. Statistics

14.5.1. Where possible, live scoring should be done on Esportsdesk. At the end of each session of play, the statistician will update all statistics and place them on the tournament notice board.

14.5.2 The following statistics shall be kept for all Championships:

- (a) Game results
- (b) Team standings
- (c) Point scorers (one point for goal or assist)
- (d) Penalty minutes
- (e) Goalkeeper statistics Save%, (Total shots – Goals) divided by Total Shots
- (f) Plus/Minus

14.6. Application to Host a National Championship

14.6.1. Member Associations wishing to host an IHA National Championship must have participated in the previous year's Championship to qualify for application.

14.6.2. All IHA National Championships shall be scheduled in one rink unless authorized by the IHA Board.

14.6.3. Confirmation of dates and location of the next years IHA National Championships will be made at the IHA meeting normally held in October.

14.6.4. Member Associations granted the right to host their nominated Championship must prepare and lodge a game schedule with the National Tournament Director 60 days before the Championship.

14.6.5. If requested, Associations attending a Championship will supply to the Host Association, its State or Territory flag for use during the Championships.

14.6.6. The Host Association Championship Director is responsible to arrange and coordinate livestreaming of games. The livestream must be of the highest quality possible (budget parameters will be considered). Livestream should include the following a score frame, time clock, and, if possible, commentary The Host Association is also responsible to arrange and coordinate livestream and photos of:

- (a) Dropping of the puck to open the Championship

- (b) Gold Medal Team
- (c) Silver Medal Team
- (d) Bronze Medal Team
- (e) Individual award winners
- (f) Team photo of each competing team

The Host Association Championship Director shall forward all official photos to IHA office for placing on webpage.

If Livestream is unavailable, the host state will refund \$700 of the entry fee back to each state.

- 14.6.7. The Host Association shall provide Game Officials as directed by the National Tournament Director and Referee-In-Chief. The Referee-In-Chief may bring referees in from other states if required.
- 14.6.8. Member Associations hosting an IHA National Championship that is not supervised by the National Tournament Director, will submit to the IHA office within 30 days of the completion of the Championship, a written report including all appropriate forms.

14.7. Application to Enter IHA Championships

- 14.7.1. Applications to submit teams to each Championship are due 90 days prior to the Championship.
- 14.7.2. Member Associations shall submit to the National Tournament Director a proposed team list, at least 30 days before the Championship, on *Form 14.17.3 National Championship Team Registration*, for clearance by the National Tournament Director. Failure to meet this requirement will incur a penalty of \$500.00 payable to the Host Association.
- 14.7.3. Member Associations must submit *Form 14.17.5 National Championship Team Officials Registration*, and *Form 14.17.13 Member Declaration*, for clearance to the National Tournament Director.
- 14.7.4. Member Associations that do not have the minimum number of players for entering a team, will be permitted to use players from other states who have been placed in a pool. Please see Appendix A for these regulations.
- 14.7.5. Member Associations must submit to IHA any changes to their playing uniform.
- 14.7.6. A Member Association that withdraws less than 45 days before the commencement of the Championship, shall incur a fine of \$2000, payable to the Host Association.

14.8. Team Officials and Player Eligibility

- 14.8.1. To be eligible to play in the Ginsberg, Defris and Tange Championships, a player must be born during or after the indicated in the table below.
To be eligible to play in the Brown, Goodall, Boxall and OiHAN Championships, a player must be

born during or before the year indicated in the table below.

Age Group		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Phil Ginsberg	13U	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Kurt DeFris	15U	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Syd Tange	18U	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jim Brown	17 +	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
John Goodall	17 +	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Stephanie Boxall	15 +	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
OiHAN Old-timers	35 +	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992

- 14.8.2. Participating teams must pay \$2,000 inclusive of GST to the Host Association before the first game.
- 14.8.3. Players and team officials, as approved by the National Tournament Director in writing, are eligible to participate in National championships. Such approval will be given to them on *Form 14.17.4 National Championship Team Composition*. Changes will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances.
- (a) Teams must list a minimum of 14 players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper
 - (b) Teams with less than 12 players and one goalie at the start of the Championship will not be permitted to participate
 - (c) Only players and officials approved by the National Tournament Director will be permitted on the players bench.
 - (d) All players and officials must be registered with their Member Association.
 - (e) Players must not be on suspension from a sanctioned IHA game. If players are under suspension, then they must serve the remaining games in the age-appropriate championship before taking the ice. Suspensions in AIHL must be served in AIHL and not the Jim Brown tournament.
- 14.8.5. All Member Association's Team Coaches and Assistant Coaches must hold, as minimum, an IHA Level 1 Coaching Certificate. Only those holding this Certificate as a minimum, are permitted to Coach.
- 14.8.6. Players participating in the Ginsberg, DeFris, Tange, Brown and Boxall must be an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident, or hold a visa valid for a minimum of two years, plus a processed International Transfer Card (ITC) approved by their home country and the IIHF to be eligible to play.
- 14.8.7. Players with diplomatic status and their children are exempt from the two-year visa requirement, but must comply with the IIHF ITC Regulations.
- 14.8.9. Any official of a team, club or Member Association, who adds or has knowledge of an ineligible player or official being added to a game sheet for the purpose of participating in the

Championship, shall be:

- (a) suspended for a minimum of two years from all activities associated with ice hockey; and
- (b) all games where such name/s appear will be declared forfeits, whether the person participated or not.

- 14.8.10. Any member who uses false documentation to participate, or who knows of this happening but does not report it, will be suspended from all ice hockey activities for a period of not less than one year, but not exceeding three years.
- 14.8.11. A Member Association allowing ineligible people to participate in National Championships will incur a penalty of \$500 per person per game, payable to IHA. The team will be suspended from the Championship and may face further disciplinary action.
- 14.8.12. IHA has adopted the IIHF Transgender Policy. This policy can be found here: https://blob.iihf.com/iihf-media/iihfmvc/media/downloads/regulations/2022/2022_iihf_transgender_policy.pdf

14.9 Championship Game Officials

- 14.9.1. Host Member Associations shall submit to the IHA Referee in Chief the names of their referees and linespersons, based on their experience and availability plus game schedule for the consideration of the RIC to officiate at the Championship, 30 days prior to the Championship.
- 14.9.2. Where practical and as agreed between the Host Association, referees and linespersons shall be provided with one hour of ice time before each Championship, or early in the Championship. Ice rental to be paid for by IHA.
- 14.9.3. The cost of transporting, accommodating, and game fees for interstate officials, shall be invoiced to IHA for payment.
- 14.9.4. Rates and fees, including airfares, ground transport, accommodation and mileage rates for IHA referees and linespersons officiating at National Championships is determined by the Referee's Committee prior to the IHA Annual General Meeting. The current rates are then approved by the Board each year.
- 14.9.5. Where practical, the four-official system shall be adhered to at Tange and Brown Championships, with the others being minimum three-official unless approved by the IHA board based on recommendation by the National Referee-in-Chief.

14.10. Disciplinary Tribunal and Regulations

- 14.10.1. All National Championships will be conducted under the IHA Competition Tribunal & Suspension Regulations.
- 14.10.2. In the event of a tribunal being required during a National Championship, the National Tournament Director shall act as the Tribunal Chairperson and conduct the tribunal in accordance with the IHA Tribunal Regulations and Schedule for Suspensions

- 14.10.3. The Tribunal shall consist of three individuals. The Host Association Championship Director may be appointed to the Championship Tribunal Committee.
- 14.10.4. If the National Tournament Director is unable to attend as the Tribunal Chairperson, then a suitable person nominated by this Director shall act as the Tribunal Chairperson.
- 14.10.5. The tribunal must be held as soon as possible after the game in which the incident occurs and before the next game the player is scheduled to play in.

14.11. Pre-Tournament Directorate Meeting

- 14.11.1. The Pre-Tournament Meeting is to be held either the evening before the Championship begins, or at the latest, two hours before the first game.
- 14.11.2. The meeting will be chaired by the National Tournament Director. In attendance will be:
 - (a) The championship director or chairperson of the organizing committee
 - (b) The referee in charge for the Championship
 - (c) The manager and head coach of each team
 - (d) A representative of the off-ice officials, if available
- 14.11.3. The agenda for the pre-tournament meeting will be;
 - (a) Welcome all and have each introduce themselves
 - (b) Ensure team officials are aware of the game schedule
 - (c) Referee-in-Chief to answer any questions in reference to game rules and Suspension Guidelines
 - (d) Brief outline of tribunal procedure and warn all of Zero Tolerance.
 - (e) Championship director or chairperson of the organizing committee to give information on the following:
 - (i) rink layout and change rooms
 - (ii) names and contact details of committee members
 - (iii) any changes to programme
 - (iv) procedure for Opening Ceremony
 - (v) Emergency services
 - (vi) Live streaming details
 - (f) Outline awards and how determined

14.12. Pre Finals Directorate Meeting

- 14.12.1. The pre finals meeting is to be held approximately 30 minutes after the last round robin game.
- 14.12.2. The meeting will be chaired by the National Tournament Director and is to be attended by the team manager of each team, referee in charge and the championship director or chairperson of the organizing committee.
- 14.12.3. The agenda for the meeting will be:
 - (a) Draw for finals
 - (b) Ensure all know the overtime and shoot out procedure
 - (c) Organizing committee chairperson to outline closing ceremony procedure
 - (d) RIC to answer any questions re rules
 - (e) Teams to provide name of their MVP and give votes for Best Goalkeeper and Defender of Championship

14.13. National Championship Ceremonies

14.13.1. Opening Ceremony

- (a) An opening ceremony is to be held to officially start each Championship.
- (b) A VIP or National Tournament Director will drop the puck to officially open the Championship.
- (c) All teams shall take part in the opening ceremony. Whole teams not participating in the Opening Ceremony will be subject to a \$1,000.00 fine levied upon the respective State Associations.
- (d) The National Anthem is to be played before dropping the puck
- (e) All teams must be suitable attired if not dressed to play the game. Teams are to have matching uniform, at minimum jacket and pants. From De Fris and above, players and officials should be wearing formal shirts and ties to finals and final ceremonies if not dressed in player gear. Inappropriate footwear, backwards hats, and non-state branded gear should not be worn.

14.13.2. Closing Ceremony

- (a) Championship awards will be presented in the following order:
 - (i) Teams' Most Valuable Player
 - (ii) Top Point-scorer
 - (iii) Best Defender
 - (iv) Best Goalkeeper
 - (v) Fair Play Trophy
 - (vi) Bronze Medal
 - (vii) Silver Medal

- (viii) Gold Medal
 - (ix) National Anthem
 - (x) Championship Trophy
- (b) All teams shall take part in closing ceremony. Whole teams not participating in the Closing Ceremony will be subject to a \$1,000.00 fine levied upon the respective State Associations.
- (c) The National Anthem is to be played BEFORE the Championship Trophy is awarded. Teams may have a brief time to have a photo with the original trophy, but must return the original trophy to the IHA Championship Director before they leave the venue.

14.14. Injury Report System

14.14.1 Team Managers or Team Medics of competing teams are required to fill out Form 14.17.9 IHA Injury Report whenever an injury is sustained and to forward it to the IHA office for processing. This is to be submitted to the National Championship Director before leaving the rink after the game in which the injury occurred.

14.14.2. The definition of an injury is:

- (a) a player missing a practice or game due to an injury sustained during a game or training
- (b) suffering concussion
- (c) any dental injury
- (d) any facial laceration requiring medical attention

14.14.3. Injury Reporting (IRF) Form

- (a) IRF forms will be available from the National Tournament Director
- (b) The IRF form recording all injuries is to be handed to National Tournament Director or Host Association Championship Director immediately after each form is completed
- (c) All information on the forms is confidential
- (d) At the completion of the Championship, the forms shall be forwarded to IHA office for data accumulation.

14.15. Championship Forms

- Form 14.17.1 National Championship Application to Host
- Form 14.17.2 National Championship Team Entry
- Form 14.17.3 National Championship Team Registration
- Form 14.17.4 National Championship Team Composition
- Form 14.17.5 National Championship Team Officials Registration
- Form 14.17.6 National Championship Standard Therapeutic Use Exemption

Form 14.17.7	National Championship Team Statistics
Form 14.17.8	National Championship Awards
Form 14.17.9	IHA Injury Report
Form 14.17.10	National Championship Checklists
Form 14.17.11	Game Winning Shootout Results
Form 14.17.12	IHA Member Protection
Form 14.17.13	IHA Member Declaration

15. IIHF World Championships & National Teams

- 15.1. International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) competitions in which IHA participates are:
- 15.1.1. IIHF World Championships (Open Men);
 - 15.1.2. IIHF Women's Championships (Open Women);
 - 15.1.3. IIHF World U20 Championships;
 - 15.1.4. IIHF World U18 Championships;
 - 15.1.5. IIHF World U18 Women's Championships
- 15.2. All clubs, teams, players, team officials, game officials and individual members who participate in games organised or conducted by the IIHF are under the jurisdiction of the IIHF.
- 15.3. Under IIHF Rules, to be eligible to play for Australia in an IIHF World Championship a player must be an Australian citizen, and if required, must have held a valid unlimited ITC/Letter of Approval for at least two years prior to the date the Championship commences. The effective date of the ITC/Letter of Approval is the date it is signed and approved by the IIHF. Refer to the IIHF's or IHA's International Transfer Policy and Guidelines for further information.
- 15.4. For a player to be selected to an IHA national team, the player must be a current financial member and have no outstanding financial obligations to IHA or their state association. Overseas Australian players are exempt.
- 15.5. Players must first play in their age category prior to any consideration on playing in a higher age category. Any player who is unable to comply with this regulation may make application to the IHA Board for exemption.
- 15.6. IHA National Teams are to be accompanied by an IHA appointed Chef de Mission as the official representative of IHA and who will have direct responsibility for all aspects concerning the team.
- 15.7. The Chef de Mission is expected to be a past or present IHA Board Member, or other person deemed appropriate as appointed by the IHA Board.
- 15.8. IHA will cover the Chef de Mission's airfares, flight insurance and incidental expenses to a maximum of \$4,000 and team protocol merchandise as determined by the IHA Board which is currently up to \$900 for each team.
- 15.9. In accordance to IIHF's World Championship Bylaws and IHA Regulations, each team is allowed a maximum of six team officials. The positions are:

- 15.9.1. Chef de Mission;
- 15.9.2. Team Manager;
- 15.9.3. Team Coach;
- 15.9.4. Assistant Coach;
- 15.9.5. Medical Officer/Physiotherapist
- 15.9.6. Equipment Officer.

The IHA Board may appoint additional team staff at their discretion if they are deemed necessary.

- 15.10. Expressions of Interest for national team officials are called for whenever there is a vacancy. Interested applicants are to submit a resume of their ice hockey and work career experience in writing to the IHA Office as noted in the IHA's Expression of Interest notifications.
- 15.11. Appointments will be for a period of two years. Unless the person(s) is unable to commit their services for personal reasons, or IHA has just reason to replace the person(s), the applicant (s) will retain their position for the full term.
- 15.12. Each National Team's official, if they are a voluntary person, shall be an IHA registered Individual Member. IHA grants gratis membership and insurance fees for such voluntary positions.
- 15.13. Each national team player and official must be a current registered IHA member.
- 15.14. To be selected, each player must meet the criteria in the National Team Selection Policy.
- 15.15. The Chef de Mission and National Team Manager shall submit to the Board a budget for the Team's preparation and attendance to the next International Ice Hockey Federation Championship within 90 days of their appointment.
- 15.16. The Chef de Mission will submit a monthly progress report including a financial statement of the team's accounts to the IHA Office.
- 15.17. Within 30 days of completion of the International Ice Hockey Federation Championship, the Chef de Mission shall submit a full report including a financial report to the IHA Office.
- 15.18. Failure of the Chef de Mission to submit the Championship and/or Financial Report within 30 days of the Championship as stated in Regulation 16.12, will constitute a direct breach of the Chef de Mission's duties, and may render him or her to immediate disciplinary action.
- 15.19. The Chef de Mission and National Team Manager are personally responsible for all aspects of the Team within Australia including the time of departure from Australia, return to Australia and during the period the Team spends preparing for and competing in the Championship.
- 15.20. Players and officials wishing to leave the team for an extended stay are to sign a Declaration and Release indemnifying the IHA and Team Officials of any financial, insurance, or liability obligations.
- 15.21. In the event that there are no manager and/or coach applications for a National Team, the IHA Executive may make such appointments notwithstanding Regulation 16.2.
- 15.22. Any appointed person may be removed from a position on the National Team's Management by resolution of the IHA Board to that effect.
- 15.23. In addition to IIHF and IHA requirements for participation in IIHF World Championships, IHA national teams and their officials must abide by the IHA National Team Regulations & Policy. The

Regulations outlines the administrative, organisational, and preparation requirements and is designed to assist the National Team Chefs de Mission, Team Managers and Coaches.

- 15.24. On-ice officials attending and participating at IIHF World Championships will be allocated the following protocol items:
- 15.24.1. Twenty Five (25) IHA Pins;
 - 15.24.2. Five (5) IHA Pens: and
 - 15.24.3. Five (5) IHA Hats.
- 15.25. If teams wish to purchase additional items, it will be at the cost of the team members.

16. Outgoing International Events - (Tours, Exhibition Games, & Tournaments)

- 16.1. An IHA team wishing to visit and compete against another IIHF member country's team must obtain and submit to the IHA Office a Letter of Invitation and Sanction from the team's Federation and State or Province Association.
- 16.2. If a series of games include more than one State or Provincial Association, then a Letter of Invitation and Sanction must be obtained from each association. The Letter of Invitation and Sanction ***MUST*** include full details of the teams being played, the dates of the games, and their location.
- 16.3. If the tour includes participation in a tournament, then a Letter of Invitation for the IHA team to participate must be submitted to the IHA Office for approval.
- 16.4. In the case of international tours, which involve more than one (1) Member State, both Member State and/or Territory Associations must approve the tour and its conditions and then submit a proposal to the IHA Board for official sanction. Member Associations may work together to submit one (1) proposal.
- 16.5. IHA Member Associations, clubs, or teams contacted by organisers of tours involving teams from an International Ice Hockey Federation member country, must immediately contact their state association office before proceeding with arrangements for planning the tour.
- 16.6. Out-of-country or overseas teams must be an official member of their Ice Hockey Federation and the International Ice Hockey Federation. Permission will not be granted to an IHA team for exhibition games with an international team that is not a registered member of a Federation or Association who is not a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation.
- 16.7. Upon receipt of the invitation and sanction, notification by letter is to be forwarded to the IHA Office requesting permission to travel. Upon receipt of a Federation letter granting official permission and sanction to travel, preparations can then commence.
- 16.8. The person(s) must also send a copy of the above letter to their Association's President.
- 16.9. Preparations and details of the tour or trip must be submitted to the IHA Board and include:
- 16.9.1. Identifying the purpose of the trip or tour;
 - 16.9.2. Ensuring all team officials and players are current IHA Individual Members;
 - 16.9.3. Stating the names and titles of all persons traveling with the team;
 - 16.9.4. Providing a copy of the Team's Travel Insurance Policy; and
 - 16.9.5. Providing the name and contact details of the Team's Travel Agent.

- 16.10. A Federation, Association, or nominated Official (Chef de Mission), as appointed and/or approved by the IHA Board, must accompany all teams leaving Australia. Teams may recommend, with submission of a Letter of Reference to the IHA Board, any individual they feel should be considered as the team's Chef de Mission. The Chef de Mission may also be a senior official of the team. The cost for this representative is to be borne by the traveling team's organisation.
- 16.11. The Chef de Mission is to act as the "OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON" for the team.
- 16.12. The Chef de Mission represents the IHA and his/her Member Association. Primary responsibilities of his/her appointment include:
 - 16.12.1. initiation and response to gift exchanges, toasts, welcomes, introduction of the official party, itinerary, etc.;
 - 16.12.2. control and discipline of the players, coaches, and managers when required;
 - 16.12.3. attendance at all meetings of the Team/Organisation planning the trip; and
 - 16.12.4. provision and submission of a written and financial report to the IHA Board sixty (60) days prior to departing Australia and thirty (30) days after arriving back in Australia.
- 16.13. Teams aged 15 years and younger require special IHA permission.

17. Incoming International Events - (Tours, Exhibition Games & Tournaments)

- 17.1. Out-of-country or overseas teams must be a registered member of their respective Ice Hockey Federation and the International Ice Hockey Federation.
- 17.2. IHA sanctioning of an international tour is conditional on a Letter of Sanction from the visiting team's Association and Federation.
- 17.3. The IHA member team's Member Association will first approve the tour and the games involved, and then submit a proposal to the IHA Board requesting IHA sanction.
- 17.4. The IHA team's Association must produce and lodge a Letter of Invitation for the visiting team with the IHA Office and obtain a Letter of Sanction from the IHA.
- 17.5. Submissions for IHA sanction of an international tour must be submitted to the IHA Board and include the following:
 - 17.5.1. A detailed schedule outlining teams, dates, and locations of proposed games;
 - 17.5.2. Letter of Sanction from the visiting team's Association and Federation; and
 - 17.5.3. A copy of the team's Insurance Policy.
- 17.6. Submissions for official sanctioning must be received by the IHA Office no later than 60 days prior to the commencement of the first game of the tour. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an automatic "no sanction" of the tour.
- 17.7. The IHA will not sanction any tour involving a team that does not have the approval of its Federation or a team that is not a member of its Federation.
- 17.8. In the case of tours, which involve more than one (1) Member Association, both Associations must approve the tour and its conditions and then submit a combined proposal to the IHA Office for official sanction.
- 17.9. The visiting team must submit proof of primary medical coverage and liability insurance, which will be approved at the sole discretion of the IHA Board.

- 17.10. All sanctioned games or tournaments will be played under Official International Ice Hockey Federation Playing Rules as amended by the IHA.
- 17.11. A representative of the visiting Federation must also travel with the visiting team at all times and act as its official spokesperson, team leader, and team contact. The visiting Federation must submit the name of this representative to the IHA prior to the commencement of the tour.
- 17.12. The IHA, its Member Associations, clubs or teams will not be responsible for remitting any fees, gate receipts or other funds, to visiting International Ice Hockey Federation member Federation teams and its organisers unless so approved by IHA.
- 17.13. IHA Member Associations, clubs, teams, players, coaches and officials who participate in the activities of international tours not sanctioned by the IHA, do so independent of the IHA and its Member Associations, and without access to benefits of the IHA National Insurance Scheme.
- 17.14. The IHA Board, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may refuse application for sanctioning of international tours for any reason it deems detrimental to IHA, its Member Associations or participants involved, and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

18. Awards & Medals

- 18.1. The S. M. Hudson Trophy is presented to a person (s) annually for their services to the sport of ice hockey. A Letter of Recognition and a Hudson Trophy replica duly inscribed will be presented to the recipient and their name will be recorded in the records of the Federation.
- 18.2. Nominations for the S.M. Hudson Trophy will be received by the IHA Office 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting in writing and have attached a comprehensive resume of the nominee's contribution to the Member Association and/or IHA.
- 18.3. The original IHA National Trophies remain the property of the IHA. Winning teams will be presented and retain an IHA approved replica trophy.
- 18.4. The original trophies are to be restored, updated annually and stored at the IHA Office. The original Goodall Cup is to be loaned to the Toronto Ice Hockey Hall of Fame for ongoing display.
- 18.5. IHA will supply trophies, awards, and medals for the Phil Ginsberg, Kurt DeFris, Syd Tange, Jim Brown, Stephanie Boxall and OiHAN Masters Championships as per the following:
 - 18.5.1. A replica trophy for each IHA Championship with the same wording as on the original trophies/plaques;
 - 18.5.2. Up to twenty eight (28) Gold medals for the winning team;
 - 18.5.3. Up to twenty eight (28) Silver medals for the second placed team;
 - 18.5.4. Up to twenty eight (28) Bronze medals for each member of the third placed team;
 - 18.5.5. One plaque for the Most Valuable Player of each participating team as determined by each team on completion of their final game;
 - 18.5.6. A Fair Play Plaque for the team with the lowest number of penalty minutes; and
 - 18.5.7. A plaque for the Championship player with the highest points (one point each for each goal & assist) as based on the National Championship statistics;
 - 18.5.8. A plaque for the Championship Top Goalkeeper as nominated by the participating team coaches. Such determination will be by secret ballot and based on each team as follows:
 - a) the names of three (3) goaltenders in order of preference;

- b) the first named goaltender receiving three (3) points;
- c) the second named goaltender receiving two (2) points; and
- d) the third named goaltender receiving one (1) point.
- e) The goaltender with the highest points is nominated as the Championship's Top Goaltender.
- f) If tied – two plaques will be awarded.

18.5.9. A plaque for the Championship Top Defenseman as nominated by the participating team coaches. Such determination will be by secret ballot and based on each team as follows:

- a) the names of three (3) defensemen in order of preference;
- b) the first named defenseman receiving three (3) points;
- c) the second named defenseman receiving two (2) points; and
- d) the third named defenseman receiving one (1) point.
- e) The goaltender with the highest points is nominated as the Championship's Top Defenseman.
- f) If tied – two plaques will be awarded, with the second mailed to one recipient.

18.5.10. Three (3) Gold medals for the on-ice officials of the Gold medal game; and

18.5.11. Three (3) Bronze medals for on-ice officials of the Bronze medal game.

18.6. AWIHL Finals:

- 18.6.1. 1 x replica Joan McKowen Memorial Trophy "Keeper Trophy";
- 18.6.2. Gold medals as per the team with the highest numbers of players & officials;
- 18.6.3. Silver medals as per the team with the highest numbers of players & officials;
- 18.6.4. Bronze medals as per the team with the highest numbers of players & officials;
- 18.6.5. 1 x plaque for AWIHL Highest Points Scorer
- 18.6.6. 1 x plaque for AWIHL Best Goalie
- 18.6.7. 1 x plaque for AWIHL Best Defenseman
- 18.6.8. 1 x plaque for AWIHL Best Forward
- 18.6.9. 1 x plaque for Nellie Gee Award (Best AWIHL Rookie)

18.7. OiHAN

- 18.7.1. The IHA will supply for the OiHAN Masters Tournament (four (4) divisions)
 - a) a replica "keeper" trophy;
 - b) awards and medals; and
 - c) A replica trophy and up to 20 IHA crested caps for each division winning team.

18.8. All medals shall be supplied with a green and gold ribbon which will be engraved with the required wording once the championship is finalized and as per the approved team lists.

18.9. At all times the original national trophies remain the property of the IHA.

19. Interstate and National League Exhibition Game Sanctions

19.1. The following procedures will prevail for interstate teams wishing to play an exhibition game or series of exhibition games:

- 19.1.1. Submission to IHA an Official Team List, which is to include the nominated game officials, venue and dates of games, from the hosting team and member state association to the IHA Board for consideration and approval.
- 19.1.2. Submission to IHA an Official Letter of Acceptance and Team List from the visiting team and member state association to the IHA Board for consideration and approval.
- 19.1.3. On IHA Board approval, an official IHA Letter of Clearance to the participating teams, games officials and member state associations for the stated games to take place.

20. National Tribunal & Suspension Regulations

- 20.1. Tribunal procedures, suspensions imposed, and appeals are to be conducted in accordance to IHA's Constitution and Competition Tribunal & Suspension Regulations.

APPENDIX A – PLAYER POOL REGULATIONS

- (a) At the 60 day mark, State Associations advise if they will need pool players to make up the minimum number.
- (b) States must not approach other states for players.
- (c) States are to give the National Championship Director the names of players who were unsuccessful at their tryouts, who wish to go into a pool to play for another state. No state is to “cut” players in order to get stronger players from another state.
- (d) States who need pool players are to approach the National Championship Director with a clear number of players and positions required.
- (e) The National Championship Director will first sourced players from other member Associations that are not attending the Championship, then from players of other Member Associations attending that have participated in the try outs and been overlooked by the state coach.
- (f) States requesting pool players MUST have a minimum of 8 registered players from their own state in order to participate with pool players.
- (g) States asking for pool players will not be allowed to have more than the minimum number required to enter a championship (13 plus one goalie) unless approval is granted from the IHA board on the recommendation of the National Championships Director.
- (h) States will not be allowed to have pool players if they meet the minimum 13 plus 1 goalie from their own state. States with no goalies may have one from the pool. States with one goalie may not have a second goalie from the pool.
- (i) All Championships are to have a local spare goalie who is available to play should a team with one goalie find their goalie injured and unable to play. This goalie will be called the “injury goalie” and should be the reserve or third goalie in the state, or a goalie of similar calibre. All teams with one goalie may use this goalie if their goalie becomes injured. Teams are NOT to use this goalie unless their goalie is injured and the injury has been assessed by the National Championship Director.
- (j) Communication with pool players may only commence after the player has been formally drafted.

APPENDIX B – FORMS

Form 14.17.1

IHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION TO HOST

Championship:..... Year:.....

Venue:..... Dates:.....

Representations made in this application are binding when approval has been granted by the General Assembly. The host Association or Territory must immediately advise the IHA Office and seek approval for any proposed change. The IHA Board reserves the right not to authorise any change and/or withdraw approval and/or take disciplinary action should the representations made to gain approval be subject to material change.

State or Territory Association:.....

The State or Territory Association of hereby declares that it will:

1. Organise the above specified IHA Championship in accordance with and abiding by the IHA Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations;
2. Cooperate fully with IHA to fulfil the IHA’s obligations to the commercial partners;
3. Abide by and observe the decisions of the IHA’s General Assembly and/or Championship Chairperson;
4. Not involve any third party whatsoever outside IHA in the resolution of any dispute which may arise in connection with the organisation of IHA’s Championship, and will undertake to submit any such dispute to the jurisdiction of IHA; and
5. Accept, that neither IHA nor its officers and/or officials may be held liable for any loss or damages arising from the organising or staging of the IHA’s Championship and that it is responsible for taking whatever measures it may deem appropriate to safeguard its position and shall indemnify, defend and hold blameless IHA against any claims from third parties.

For and on behalf of the State Association or Territory of

.....
(Print name and position)

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(Date)

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(Signature)

Form 14.17.2

IHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM ENTRY FORM

IHA National Championship:

Date: Location:

Applications to enter an IHA National Championship must be lodged with the IHA office 90 days prior to the National Championship.

The State or Territory Association of hereby confirms that our State or Territory team will participate in the above IHA Championship.

Moreover, we confirm that we shall involve no authority outside the IHA for any controversy arising in connection with the IHA Championship, but undertake to submit to IHA jurisdiction as laid down in the IHA Constitution and By-Laws.

We are aware of the consequences if an Association or Territory withdraws from an IHA Championship as per IHA's Sport Regulations.

For and on behalf of the State Association or Territory of

.....
(Print name and position)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

Form 14.17.6

Therapeutic Use Exemptions

Standard Application Form

I apply for approval from (Anti-Doping Organization) for the therapeutic use of a prohibited substance on the WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.

(Please complete all sections)

1. Athlete Information

Surname: Given Names:.....

Female . Male (tick appropriate box)

Address:

City:

Country:..... Postcode:

Date of Birth (d/m/y): / /

Tel. Work:..... Tel.Home:..... Mobile:

E-mail:..... Fax:.....

Sport:..... Discipline/Position:

National Sporting Organization:

If athlete with disability, indicate disability:

2. Notifying medical practitioner

Name, qualifications and medical specialty (see note 1):

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Address:

..... E-mail address:

Tel. Work:..... Tel. Home:

Mobile: Fax:

*Diagnosis (see note 2):

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Has the national sporting organisation Chief Medical Officer been notified of this request? Yes: No:

Name of NSO's Chief Medical Officer (see note 3):

3. Medication details (see note 4)

Prohibited Substance(s):	Dose of administration	Route of administration	Frequency of administration
1.			
2.			
3.			

Anticipated duration of this medication plan	
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1.1.1.1.2 Previous / Current TUE request(s): yes no

If yes: Date:.....

Anti-Doping Organization:.....

Result (attach previous TUE(s)):

If appropriate, reasons for not prescribing alternative therapies (see note 5):

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4. Please note additional information and attach sufficient medical information to substantiate the diagnosis and the necessity to use a prohibited substance:

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a) Medical practitioner’s and athlete’s declaration

I, certify the above-mentioned substance/s for the above-named athlete has been/are to be administered as the correct treatment for the above-named medical condition.

Signature of Medical Practitioner:..... **Date:**.....

I, certify that the information under 1. is accurate and that I am requesting approval to use a Substance or Method from the WADA Prohibited List. I authorize the release of personal medical information to the Anti-Doping Organization as well as to WADA staff and to the WADA TUEC (Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee) under the provisions of the Code. I understand that if I ever wish to revoke the right of the Anti-Doping Organization TUEC or WADA TUEC to obtain my health information on my behalf, I must notify my medical practitioner in writing of that fact.

Athlete’s signature:..... **Date:**.....

Parent’s/Guardian’s signature: **Date:**.....

(if the athlete is a minor or has a disability preventing him/her to sign this form, a parent or guardian shall sign together with or on behalf of the athlete)

b) Notes:

Note 1	Name, qualifications and medical specialty <i>For example: Dr AB Cook, MD FRACP, Gastro-enterologist.</i>
Note 2	Diagnosis <i>Evidence confirming the diagnosis must be attached and forwarded with this application. The medical evidence should include a comprehensive medical history and the results of all relevant examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies. Copies of the original reports or letters should be included when possible. Evidence should be as objective as possible in the clinical circumstances and in the case of non-demonstrable conditions independent supporting medical opinion will assist this application.</i>
Note 3	NSO Chief Medical Officer <i>Where possible the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the sport involved should be notified of the application to the Anti-Doping Organization. When appropriate, the application should include a statement by the Medical Officer of the Athlete’s national sport governing body, attesting to the necessity of the otherwise Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in the treatment of the athlete.</i>
Note 4	Medication details <i>Provide details concerning all prohibited substances or methods for which approval is sought. Use generic names (INN) and specify medication dose.</i>
Note 5	<i>If a permitted medication can be used in the treatment of the athlete’s medical condition, please provide clinical justification for the requested use of the prohibited medication.</i>

Incomplete Applications will be returned and will need to be resubmitted.

Please submit the completed form to the Anti-Doping Organization and keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

c) TUEC Decision (for office use only)

Date Received:

Application Complete: yes no

Office Notes:

.....

.....

.....

Name of TUEC Representative(s):

Signature(s): **Date:**.....

Form 14.17.7

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM STATISTICS FORM

Championship: Date:

Host Association/Territory: Venue:

Competing States: (In order of ranking from previous season)

1. 2.

3. 4.

5. 6.

Game Results:

Game 1: VS Score:

Game 2: VS Score:

Game 3: VS Score:

Game 4: VS Score:

Game 5: VS Score:

Game 6: VS Score:

Game 7: VS Score:

Game 8: VS Score:

Game 9: VS Score:

Game 10: VS Score:

Game 11: VS Score:

Game 12: VS Score:

Game 13: VS Score:

Game 14: VS Score:

Game 15: VS Score:

Semi Final 1: VS Score:

Semi Final 2: VS Score:

Cons. Final: VS Score:

Grand Final: VS Score:

Most Valuable Player Per Each Team

ACT:..... Position Played:.....

NSW:..... Position Played:.....

QLD:..... Position Played:.....

SA:..... Position Played:.....

VIC:..... Position Played:.....

WA:..... Position Played:.....

Individual Awards

Best Goalkeeper:.....
(As per secret ballot voting by teams)

Best Defenseman:.....
(As per secret ballot voting by teams)

Top Points Scorer:.....
(Goals & Assists)

Fair Play Cup Award

Team:.....
(based on lowest team penalty points in Round Robin)

Form 14.17.9

IHA INJURY REPORT FORM

Purpose

IHA's Injury Reporting Form is a significant tool for collecting information to measure the types of injuries, the number of reoccurrences and severity. The collected information will assist in determining what measures may be implemented to prevent, or at the very least, reduce recurring injuries to IHA's member players and officials in IHA sanctioned competitions.

Injury Definition

1. An injury is considered reportable if a player misses a training or a game because of an injury sustained during a practice or game.
2. The player does not return to play for the remainder of the game following an injury.
3. All concussions.
4. Any dental injury.
5. Any facial laceration.

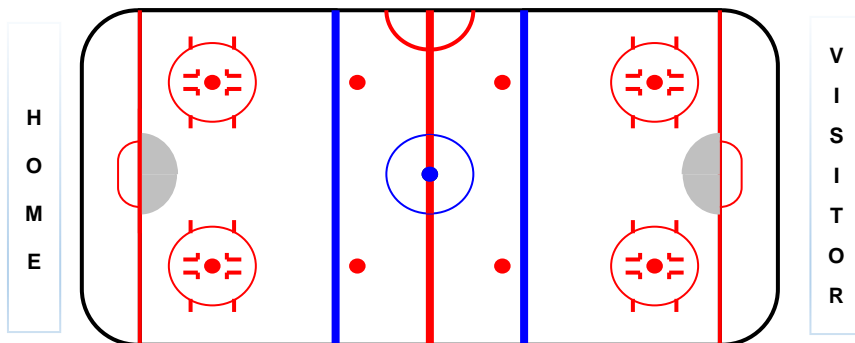
Association : _____ **Venue:** _____

Competition : _____ **Team:** _____ **Date:** / /

Player's Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Position:** Centre Wing Defence Goal

Zone of Injury:

Mark the area of the ice surface where the injury occurred. Note that Home and Visitor ends are marked to identify offensive and defensive activity.



<u>Cause of Injury</u>	
Body Check	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check from behind	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check to the head/neck	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stick contact	<input type="checkbox"/>
Puck contact	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unintended collision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fighting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-contact	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was a penalty called?	Y N
<u>Equipment</u>	
a) Full Face Mask	Y N
b) Visor	Y N
c) None	Y N
d) Mouthguard	Y N
e) Neck Guard	Y N

<u>Location of the injury:</u>				<u>Assessment:</u>	
1. Head	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Forearm	<input type="checkbox"/>	24. Buttocks	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Face	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Wrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	25. Pelvis	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Hand	<input type="checkbox"/>	26. Groin	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Throat	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Thumb	<input type="checkbox"/>	27. Genitals	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Jaw/Chin	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Fingers	<input type="checkbox"/>	28. Hip	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Teeth/Mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Chest	<input type="checkbox"/>	29. Thigh	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Eye	<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	30. Knee	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Ear	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Kidneys	<input type="checkbox"/>	31. Leg	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Shoulder	<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Upper back	<input type="checkbox"/>	32. Ankle	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Upper arm	<input type="checkbox"/>	22. Lower back	<input type="checkbox"/>	33. Foot	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Elbow	<input type="checkbox"/>	23. Coccyx	<input type="checkbox"/>	34. Toes	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Was the injury - Minor:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Acute:		<input type="checkbox"/>
			Severe:		<input type="checkbox"/>

Time Lost: (The amount of time the player was out of play)

1. Return the same game: 2. Out for 1 or more games: 3. Out for the Championship: 4. One week or more:

The form is to be submitted to ***your local State Association*** for forwarding to IHA Office

14.17.10 IHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKLISTS

The following checklist is designed to assist the Host State Association or Territory Coordinator with the planning, preparation and conduction of an IHA National Championship.

14.17.10.1 Host State Association Coordinator

The Host State Association or Territory Coordinator is a person appointed by the State Association or Territory hosting the IHA National Championship is the official representative of the State Association or Territory, whose responsibility is to be the liaison between the IHA National Championship Supervisor and State Association or Territory.

The host State Association or Territory is responsible for:

- 1. Formation of the Championship Playing Schedule in accordance to the seeding of teams and forwarded to IHA Office for approval and distribution to the participating State Associations and Territories.
- 2. Procurement of venue and ice time as per the Championship Playing Schedule.
- 3. Procurement of St. John’s Ambulance or equivalent for all games.
- 4. Programs and ticketing.
- 5. Planning of Opening and Closing Ceremonies using format provided by NCD
- 6. Arrange meeting room for Pre & Post Directorates Meetings & Tribunals.
- 7. Score and Time Keepers and associated forms and game sheets.
- 8. Game announcer.
- 9. Penalty Box personnel.
- 10. Team dressing rooms and allocation. Private area with view of ice for NCD and R-I-C.
- 11. Collect Game Report Sheets and provide copies to IHA National Championship Supervisor and participating teams.
- 12. Compile and distribute game and player statistics to participating teams and IHA Office.

14.17.10.2 IHA National Championship Supervisor

The IHA National Championship Supervisor, as appointed by the IHA Board, is responsible for the general supervision of all IHA National Ice Hockey Championships in Australia.

Specific duties are:

1. Player and Team Officials eligibility as advised by the IHA Office.
2. Act as the IHA's National Championship Tribunal Supervisor.
3. Chair and notify the State Team Managers times of the Pre and Post Championship Directorates meetings.
4. Provide and collect IIHF Injury Report Forms from the participating teams and send to IHA Office. Act to assess all major concussions if required.
5. Ensure Trophies and Awards are available for Closing Ceremonies. Review Esportsdesk for accuracy of stats.
6. If made available, collect and return original Trophy to IHA Office.
7. Completion of an overall report on the Championship and all report forms and submission to the IHA Office for processing

14.17.10.3 IHA Office

1. Distribution of Championship Playing Schedule to participating state associations for final approval.
2. Player and Team Officials eligibility and confirmation of Esportsdesk registrations.
3. Receival and processing of Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) and IHA Injury Report Forms.
4. Ensure all trophies and medallions are available.

14.17.11

GAME WINNING SHOOTOUT RESULTS FORM



GAME WINNING SHOOTOUT RESULTS FORM

CHAMPIONSHIP: GAME NUMBER:

HOME TEAM:

	<u>PLAYER NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>
	<u>RESULT Y/N</u>	
1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
3.	.....	.....
4.	.....	.....
5.	.....	.....
6.	.....	.....
7. TOTAL GOALS IN SHOOTOUT:		.....

VISITING TEAM:

	<u>PLAYER NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESULT Y/N</u>
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
8. TOTAL GOALS IN SHOOTOUT:		

SHOOTOUT RESULTS

Team: Defeated Team: Score: /

Championship: Venue: Date:

Referee Signature:

14.17.12

IHA MEMBER PROTECTION FORM



IHA Member Protection Declaration Form

Ice Hockey Australia has a duty of care to its members and to the general public who interact with its employees, volunteers, members and others involved with Ice Hockey Australia activities. As part of this duty of care and as a requirement of the Ice Hockey Australia's Member Protection Policy, the Ice Hockey Australia must enquire into the background of those applying for, undertaking or remaining in any work (paid or voluntary) that involves working with people under the age of 18 years.

I of
 (printed name) (address)

....., born on the / / is an
 (dd) (mm) (year)

officer on:..... State Team as the team's
 (State) (position held)

and sincerely declare that:

1. I do not have a national criminal record and/or convictions (including spent convictions) for:
 - a) any sexual offence (including but not limited to, sexual assault, acts of indecency, child pornography, child prostitution and carnal knowledge);
 - b) any child-related personal violence offence;
 - c) any assault, ill treatment or neglect of, or psychological harm to a child and any registrable offence; punishable by imprisonment for 12 months or more.
2. I have not had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me by an employer, sporting organisation or similar body involving child abuse, sexual misconduct or harassment, acts of violence, intimidation or other forms of harassment.
3. I have never been sanctioned for an anti-doping rule violation under any anti-doping policy applicable to me.
4. I have never participated in, facilitated or encouraged any practice prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code or any other anti-doping policy applicable to me.
5. To my knowledge there is no other matter that the Ice Hockey Australia may consider to constitute a risk to its members, employees, volunteers, athletes or reputation by engaging me.
6. I will notify the President's of the organisation(s) engaging me immediately upon becoming aware that any of the matters set out in clauses [1 to 6] above has changed for whatever reason.

Declared in the State / Territory of:

.....
 (Printed name)

.....
 (Signature)

.....
 (Date)

