



## **Senior Coordinator - Information Day 2023**

### **Season Dates:**

**First Day of Competition:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Preliminary Final Day:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Grand Final Day:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Final Team nomination date:** 1st March 2023

- The earlier you notify [seniors@ndwha.com.au](mailto:seniors@ndwha.com.au) and [ndwha@newcastlehockey.com.au](mailto:ndwha@newcastlehockey.com.au) the earlier the draw can be started.
- Nomination fee for each team must be paid by 1st March.
- No team will be accepted after 1st March 2023 unless special circumstances have arisen and will be reviewed by the Board of Management of NDWHA.

### **Interim team lists date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

- Initial team list must be submitted to [seniors@ndwha.com.au](mailto:seniors@ndwha.com.au) and [ndwha@newcastlehockey.com.au](mailto:ndwha@newcastlehockey.com.au)
- There must be a minimum of twelve (12) players and maximum of twenty (20) players to a team, except for the PL/2<sup>nd</sup> grade squad which must have 24-32 players. The initial "TOP 9" must be indicated. The spreadsheet for this is located at the following web address

<https://www.ndwha.com.au/information> under "Interim Team List"

### **Final Senior Team list:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

- Players names need to be listed in their respective teams with shirt numbers (if known) on Revolutionise to enable game cards to be produced for the first round (shirt numbers can be updated by Results Administrator at any time).

### **Grading:**

- **Club Grading Committee member:** emailed to [seniors@ndwha.com.au](mailto:seniors@ndwha.com.au) by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- **Club Results Administrator(s):** emailed to [seniors@ndwha.com.au](mailto:seniors@ndwha.com.au) by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- The Senior Coordinating Committee will view requested grades and nominated players when considering grading. All clubs will be notified of any change in grading and clubs will have 48 hours to respond to the grading decisions as per the 2023 NDWHA Rules of Competition. All correspondence should go to the Secretary, with a copy to the Senior Coordinator.
- Please consider carefully when nominating teams and players for particular grades. The Senior Coordinating Committee reserves the right to re-grade a team up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> July as per the 2023 Rules of Competition, and individual players throughout the year, while a team can apply for a re-grade up to and including the first two rounds of the competition.
- Any Club or Group may apply for a regrade for any individual player for reasons due to merit, discipline, injury or illness up to 31 July. Matches in a player's registered grade will be recorded and the accumulated total will be counted towards semi-final qualification for re-graded players.

## Qualifications

- Any player may play in any grade higher than that which they are registered, in any position. Players playing more than eight (8) games in a higher grade will be regraded into the next highest team within their club. Accumulation of games will start from Round 1 and players will be regraded immediately after they play the 9th game.
- Each team may register a maximum of two goalkeepers. If the team does register a goalkeeper, the goalkeeper is able to play either in a lower or higher grade as a field player for their registered club, but they must register as a field player in that grade. Field players registering as the second goalkeeper for a team must comply with all rules applying to new registrations.
- The rule supporting the lowest grade in the competition is now part of our rules of competition. Depending on final grades there may be a lower grade forum to discuss the monitoring of this rule. Note: following feedback from the previous years the number of games a player is allowed to play down has been reduced.

*A club with a team in the lowest grade in the NDWHA competition may play up to 3 players from the next grade above for the club (as long as there is no more than 2 division difference) to allow a maximum of 12 players for the game in the lower grade subject to the following:*

- i) No player may play more than 6 games down in the lower grade.*
- ii) Play down players can not participate in a shoot out in the finals series.*

- Whilst the final wording is to be confirmed the following should be used as a guide for exemptions in qualification for finals series

*Exemptions for qualification may be submitted to the Senior or Junior Coordinator under the following circumstances*

- (a) injury - applications must be submitted with 3 weeks to the relevant coordinator with supporting documentation (dr. certificate, letter)*
- (b) representative commitments for NDWHA, Hockey NSW or Hockey Australia as a player, umpire or official. Notification must be submitted to the relevant coordinator with 2 weeks.*
- (c) Exceptional circumstances - applications must be submitted at least 7 days before the semi-finals.*
- (d) exemptions are granted for the actual round the exemption is being sought.*

## Competition:

The competition will consist of between 14 – 16 games in 2023.

As per previous years, the following will be the home night where a team will play at least half their games:

Saturday – Premier League  
Monday – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grades  
Tuesday – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grades

It is intended that the semi-finals will be on the designated nights (but this may change with as much notice as possible) but all Preliminary Finals will be played at NIHC on Saturday 9th September. The plan for grand final day is subject to consultation with NIHC and the men's association.

## Club Day/Requests: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The following is looked at when considering club draw requests

- Avoiding consecutive teams playing at the same time
  - Avoiding (where possible) field players playing in goals (and vice versa) clashes with their teams
  - Specific requests with club days and known major events.
  - Creating an even spread as possible between the less desirable times in the draw
- NB: Other competitions are difficult to consider as we have players from at least 6 other associations involved in NDWHA competitions.*

If your club would like a Club Day, or your club has any special requests regarding the draw please email the Senior Coordinator ([seniors@ndwha.com.au](mailto:seniors@ndwha.com.au))

**Exemptions:**

Please note the changes in requirements for those not wearing mouthguards and those wishing to wear prescription glasses.

**Revolutionise**

- All clubs are required to enter their result and indicate team played before the commencement of the next round (Saturday). Failure to complete the Revolutionize system on a weekly basis may result in a loss of three (3) competition points for the team as per rule 13 (xiii) Duty of Team Captains/Club Secretaries. The Senior Coordinator checks all entries within 5 days of the completion of the round.
- All clubs need to ensure they have nominated a Results Administrator(s). Each club must email the Senior Coordinator before the commencement of the season who the Results Administrator(s) are to ensure they are appropriately added to Revolutionise.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions at [seniors@ndwha.com.au](mailto:seniors@ndwha.com.au)

Senior Coordinator