

Waikato Hockey Umpires Committee Minutes
27th November 2018 – 6.35PM
Held at Gallagher Hockey Centre, Hamilton

1) Welcome Meeting opened at 6.35pm

- o Present: Rhys McLachlan(Chair), Bruce Rosemergy(Sec), Des Meads, Richard Baggs, Bruce Winders (WHA Rep), Peter Cawkwell, Brett Saunders(WHA)

2) Apologies for absence

Bevan Nichol

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved Meads/Winders

4) Matters arising from minutes

Discussion of the potential umpire availability in 2019.

Suggestion all Senior Games are to be umpired by Senior Umpires, with named umpires for Reserve Grade games.ie 2nd & 3rd divisions.

Brett Saunders indicated that based on 2018 numbers, there may not be sufficient umpires to cover Mens & Womens Reserve games.

A possible strategies set out in the accompanying paper. APPENDIX 1

5) Club Hockey 2019

Presented by B Saunders

- (i) Premiers (See APPENDIX 1) Proposes an earlier start to season, with midweek games
- (ii) Reserve . Start 17 March 2019. Teams may be required to provide an umpire per week to umpire in a lower grade.
- (iii) Calendar 2019. Premiers begin midweek 13/14 March
Reserve divisions begin Sunday 17 March.

6) Masters Hockey

(i) Links are on the WHA website for Masters Umpiring Applications 3-9 March 2019. This includes Coaches and Managers.

(ii) WHA to recruit Umpires Manager for the Masters Tournament.

7) WHA Office. Will reopen on 15th Jan 2019.

8) Correspondence

(i) A copy of Wellington Hockey Judicial Guide has been received.

(ii) HNZ Judicial Guidelines are also available.

Rhys McLachlan to review WHA procedures for 2019.

Bruce Winders will also help with Judicial Policy establishment in 2019.

11) Financial Report

A detailed financial report was unavailable at this time. Peter Cawkwell again referred to the Umpires BBQ in July which had raised \$1250, of which \$700 had been spent on umpire shirts in March 2018.

Some umpires have still to collect their Petrol Vouchers for travel earned in 2018.

12) General Business

Intermediate Schools. Richard Baggs noted that schools will be required to register 2 umpires. These nominations to come in early so the Umpires can be briefed/trained before commencing their umpiring roles.

Umpiring Uniforms. There is a need to purchase more Tops from WHA.

NEXT MEETING 22 JANUARY 2019 @ 6:30PM

Bruce Rosemeigh.

WHA SD 2019 Season Plan

Premier Hockey

Championship Round.

The teams will play a double round, with the two top teams after pool play, playing in the final (no semi-final).

There will be two games each week, the men will play Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons and the women will play Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons. The season would start mid-week 13th/14th March 2019. The WHA SD Premier finals (both men's and women's) will be Wednesday 17th of April.

before Easter

Please Note change of INTERCITY PLAYER REGISTRATION / ELIGIBILITY

All Associations must keep a register of all details of all players DOB, Contacts etc, and any player participating in this competition shall be 16 years and over, ie, they may participate on or after their 16th birthday. The WHA SD eligibility rule for premier division has not changed for our competition (must be year 11 or above)

~~Just before Easter.~~

After Easter intercity will start, 27th April and Intercity Finals will be Saturday 10th August. (This is when Midlands wants players available.)

Intercity will include a double header weekend 20/21 July.

Reserve Hockey

The reserve divisions will start Sunday 17th March.

Men's

Reserve 1: six teams

Reserve 2: six teams

Reserve 3: Six or Seven teams (we may have a new team/club starting up)

Women's

Reserve 1: eight teams

Reserve 2: six teams

Dependant on entries and requested Grades.

Teams will start in the division in which they finished, remembering championship finals winners go up and bottom placed teams in each division go down.

(When the club's register their team's, the club is asked which division each team wishes to play in, so if it works out that a team wants to go down a division and another team wishes to go up, we can accommodate this)

The competition will consist of two rounds before the championship round (three rounds in total). Automatic promotion/relegation at the end of each round, this includes promotion/relegation in the Championship round, deciding which division teams starts in the 2020 season.

Finals Day will be Sunday 1st September (This is reserve divisions only)

For all Senior Division Hockey, there will be no games over Easter and Queens Birthday weekends, and some grades may not play on July 21st due to IC Double header.

Umpires.

Due the problems getting umpires last season the clubs may have to provide umpires for Reserve divisions. Each team would have to provide one umpire per week to umpire a lower grade. The club will be fined if an umpire is not provided. Semi- finals and finals may have named umpires.

PREM → R1

R1 - R2

R2 → R3

R3 - Perhaps Tues or Thurs.