

Minutes of Waikato Hockey Umpires Committee

30 July 2019 6.30pm

Present Rhys McLachlan (Chairman)), Bruce Rosemergy (Secretary)

Liam Nicholas, Estian Hattingh, Peter Cawkwell,(website).

Apologies Des Meads. Accepted Rhys M Bruce R

Minutes of Previous Meeting Approved Rhys M, Liam N

Matters Arising

1. The **turf cleaning** resources, including alcohol and brushes are held in the Score Board shed. The alcohol will help break down and disperse blood on the turf. Also present are Accident /Incident forms.
2. A report form is to be completed and provided to WHA administrator after any on field injury.

HEAD INJURIES A policy note from WHA to clubs and Umpires

After a recent incident it has become clear that there is some confusion around the processes for Head Injuries so the WHA have added an amendment to the rules for this year.

- Any player requiring medical attention for a head injury, even if it appears to be just a laceration will be stood down for the remainder of the game and if there are signs of, or there is suspected concussion, they are to be stood down from **ALL** hockey activity until a Doctors certificate is presented to the local association.
- Officials should note the injury on the match sheet.

As our competitions are run under the HNZ Concussion Policy all coaches and managers need to be aware of and enforce this policy.

A few key guidelines

- Concussions can often occur without loss of consciousness (ie without actually being knocked out)
- Extra caution is needed for child and adolescent athletes
- It may take several hours (or even days) post injury for all of the symptoms of concussion to appear

Take these injuries seriously as no game is worth risking permanent damage /disability.

RULES COURSE Lead by Bevan Nichol with senior umpire support. The course was well attended.

3. **MENTORING** Website information needs updating

Correspondence

- Report received from Des Meads on his initiative to promote Jnr Umpire development This will include collaboration in 2020 with Kelly Hudson. The intention is to establish a Junior Umpires Academy.
- Request to WHA for the Accident and Incident report to be available in electronic format.

This proposal is being investigated by WHA admin.

General Business

Umpiring Needs in the Coming weeks

- During semi finals match officials may need help with shoot outs
- Intermediate Grades - semi finals to be umpired by the regular umpires
Finals to be umpired by appointed umpires
- Secondary grades: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday competitions
Appointments will be made for semis and finals for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday comps
- Mini Hockey Stuart M and Bruce R to confer on appointments
- Sunday Club Hockey - Semis and Finals will have appointed umpires
- Kate Trolove Secondary girls tournament - 1st week September at GHC. Sandra Partridge(NZ Competitions Manager in attendance)
- Nelda Putt Intermediate girls 21-22 Sept
- Northern Region U15 Festival October??
- U13 Boys tri series 18 August (4 games)
- U15 girls dev 15 Sept (4 games)
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NEXT MEETING Tuesday 20 August @ 6:30pm to finalise allocations for finals & Tournaments