



## Primary Schools Competition Outline

### Competition Structure

#### Quarter Field

**Mini Sticks:** Years 1 & 2, six aside, 25 minute games (Basic introduction for first time players, limited rules) will offer if enough entries.

**Kiwi Dev B:** Years 3 & 4, six aside, 25 minute games (Grade for inexperienced players with a few rules).

**Kiwi Dev A:** Years 3 & 4, six aside, 25 minute games (Grade for experienced players with a few rules). Suitable for Years 5 & 6 beginner players.

#### Half Field

**Kiwi Sticks:** Years 5 & 6, six aside, 25 minute games (For the more experienced players with basic hockey rules).

Teams will be graded into divisions within the sections based on results early in the season.

Following grading games, the top eight Kiwi Sticks teams will be selected to play in a round robin competition with finals Saturday 2 September competing for the Milne Cup.

The next best eight Kiwi Sticks teams will be selected to play in a round robin competition with finals Saturday 2 September competing for the Watson cup.

### Cancellations

It is very rare for primary hockey to be cancelled as we play on an artificial surface. Sometimes we do experience flooding on the turf, but this drains away quickly once the rain stops. Cancellations notifications will appear on the Homepage of the website.

An exciting new WHA app is also being developed and soon to be released – watch out for more information on the website.

### Draws

WHA has an on-line draws package that can be accessed directly from the front page on the WHA website – click the ORANGE button and select the category i.e. Primary to view draws and season schedule.

### First Aid

All teams are expected to bring their own basic first aid supplies including: Icepack, plasters, larger dressings for grazes and cuts, crepe bandages, disposable gloves, a flannel or clean cloth.

Ice in bags is available in the Club Room cupboard, by the kitchen if you need it.



## Score Cards and Results

Please write results onto the Draws board. If you forget, these can be emailed to the Draws Convenor [office@waikatohockey.org.nz](mailto:office@waikatohockey.org.nz) the results are important to us, as they are used to ensure you are competing against teams of similar ability.

## Time keeping

Most primary hockey is played at Gallagher's hockey turf and games are controlled by the sounding hooter system that indicates the start, ½ time and end of the game. Even if a game starts late, because players are late arriving or some other reason, it must still finish by the time scheduled for the following game to begin on time.

## Umpires

The umpires are the "third team" on the field at our mini hockey games. They are the ones who keep the game fun, fair and safe for the players.

Each **Kiwi Sticks Development** team is to provide an umpire for their own game who may also be the Coach.

Each **Kiwi Sticks** team is to provide an umpire for their own game **who is not the coach**. Umpires may be parents, siblings or an Intermediate or Secondary student.

Umpire support will be available throughout the season. Please remember that young (and even old) umpires, just like players, are learning their craft as well, and need as much encouragement and positive feedback as possible. Any negative feedback can be passed through the mentoring network or directly to the Umpires Development and Administration Officer so that it can be used in a positive way to develop and improve our umpires.