



Waikato Hockey Junior Division

The Waikato Hockey Junior Division (JD) is the primary (mini), intermediate and secondary schools competition for Waikato Hockey.

Get it right from the start

The following guidelines will help you to set the scene for a positive experience for all hockey enthusiasts, whether you are a coach, player, official or supporter. Our aim is to encourage commitment and behaviour parameters to make Hockey enjoyable for everyone, no matter what level is being played.

Coaches, support crew and fan club

- Make an effort to understand the rules and insist that all children play within the rules.
- Respect and acknowledge a child's or team's efforts, regardless of whether they have won or lost.
- Encourage effort and skill development.
- Be a positive role model. Never shout at or ridicule players or officials.
- Support and applaud the efforts of children in both teams.
- Respect the decisions of officials and coaches.
- Show appreciation to the people who volunteer their time to the game.
- Ensure children understand their responsibility towards the team e.g. to attend training regularly and to inform coaches in advance if they cannot attend training or a game.
- Ensure the correct use of safety equipment, particularly mouth guards and shin pads.
- Treat children as children and not little adults.
- Remember that children play hockey primarily for their benefit and enjoyment rather than yours.

Players can be reminded to:

- Play to the best of their ability.
- Recognise the efforts of their team mates and opponents.
- Remember to thank the coach, umpires, opposition team and supporters.
- Learn and play by the rules.
- Respect and accept the decisions of umpires and coaches.
- Understand that they have a responsibility towards their team by attending training regularly and to inform the coach in advance if they cannot attend training or the game.
- Help others in their team.
- Treat the opposition with respect. Cheer and shake hands with the opposition and thank the umpires at the end of the game.

WHA: Code of Conduct

WHA's code of conduct governs any member, player, team, umpire, coach, manager, volunteer and any other person who, participates, spectates and/or is involved in any way in any activity held at WHA's facilities or is involved in any activity under the auspices of WHA.

Behaviour on the field

Please:

- Respect others.
- Be fair and honest.
- Be responsible for your own actions.
- Do not abuse others verbally or physically.
- Do not discriminate against others.
- Be safety conscious for yourself and others.
- Be a positive role model.

Unacceptable Behaviour

Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated in any form, from any member or spectator.

Unacceptable behaviour includes:

- Violence in any form.
- Assault by any member or spectator on another person.
- Verbal abuse by any member or spectator towards any other member or spectator.

Hockey New Zealand General Code of Conduct and Ethics

WHA and all members of WHA are affiliated to Hockey New Zealand (HNZ) and therefore are bound by the rules, regulation and code of conduct of HNZ.

More information on Waikato Hockey's, Vision, Values, Mission, Code of Conduct and Judicial process can be found at <http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz> and click on the "About Us" tab at the top of the page.

Cancellation Notices

It is very rare for hockey to be cancelled, as hockey is played on an artificial surface. Sometimes the turf can experience flooding but this does drain away quickly once the rain stops.

Cancellation notifications will appear on the homepage of the website and a message on our Facebook page.

Otherwise: If not cancelled AND weather changes it is up to the Umpires (in consultation with coaches) to determine if the match starts or is abandoned. A game is usually only abandoned for:

- Thunderstorms (two or more lightning flashes in 5min)
- Flooding (Surface is covered in water) and is unplayable
- Any situation the umpires deem unsafe (player safety is paramount)

SECONDARY/CLUB: A game can be started up to 15min late or have a 15min stoppage (e.g. 45min of play can be completed) and a result obtained BUT all games must finish /Stop as normal 5 min before next match is due to start.

Should the game be called off the following rules will apply:

- If 45min play completed the result will stand.
- As we don't have facility to replay or complete ALL matches, all other cancellations will be a recorded as 0-0 Draw.

Draws

See Play HQ. Or follow links from our website.

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 are available in the Club Room cupboard, by the kitchen if you need it.

If blood gets on the turf, please use the isopropyl alcohol (available in scorers hut or kitchen) to clean the blood off the turf.

Score Cards and Results

Please enter results into Play HQ (Team manager and Coaches have access). If you forget, these can be emailed to the Draws Convenor office@waikatohockey.org.nz the results are important, as they are used to ensure you are competing against teams of similar ability.

Café

Inside the Pavilion at GHC there is café which sells cold & hot drinks, hot chips and snacks.

BBQ

On a Saturday morning there is a BBQ run by fundraising groups (booked through WHA). Bring along \$2 cash to purchase a sausage in bread.

Just Hockey

There is a Just Hockey (hockey supplies) shop available within Gallagher Hockey Centre. They sell sticks, shin pads, mouth guards etc. This is run independently to Waikato Hockey.

Time keeping

Most primary hockey is played at Gallagher's hockey turf or St Pauls Collegiate 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.

Teams must move off the turf promptly for the next game to start. Complete Player of the day awards off the turf.

Development

Check the WHA website for information about player and coach development.

Good Sports Spine

WHA encourage all parents to read the good sports spine.

Gallagher Hockey Centre Turf Rules

- Spectators are to keep off the turfs at all times – outside and off the low fence.
- Each team may have 1 coach, 1 manager and 1 umpire either with their team and/or in the dugouts. All other parents should remain off the turf.
- Enter and exit turf by gates only. Do **NOT** climb the fence.
- Change into clean footwear before stepping onto the turf.
- Do **not** leave gear on the side-lines.



- Dugouts are for players and team officials only.
- No warm-ups on turf while games are in progress. No hitting balls against the hoarding fence or around buildings.
- Teams are to leave the turf promptly at the conclusion of their match or practice.
- Blood Policy: See JD Rules. There are cleaning agents available in the Pavilion to clean the Turf.
- **Approved playing gear only to be worn:**
 - Clean rubber soled shoes to be used.
 - Sticks to have no sharp protrusions.
 - Goal keeping pads to be clean.
 - Goal keeping buckles to be taped at all times.
 - No sharp objects to be carried or worn to the turf.
- Balls hit over the fence during match play are not to be retrieved by players. An outside runner should retrieve the ball.
- **No chewing gum** or food inside the hoarding fence.
- Please use the rubbish bins supplied for all rubbish in the stadium.
- No play or practice outside allocated times.
- **No alcohol** is permitted to be brought into the Gallagher Hockey Centre or any School grounds.
- No spitting on the turf.
- Do not move goals incorrectly.
- Do not interfere with the watering system.

VENUES

See the Waikato hockey website for information about all hockey venues used by Waikato Hockey within the region. Note the parking and access requirements for these places. And respect venues speed limits and parking regulations.

ALL VENUES ARE SMOKE & VAPE FREE FACILITIES

GALLAGHER HOCKEY CENTRE

The car park at GHC may become congested at times. Additional parking is available on Lake Domain Drive.

The Warm-up area

The Warm-up area at the south end of GHC is available to teams under the supervision of their coaches for 30 minutes prior to the start of their game. In the interests of safety, players should not warm up on the concrete. The grassed areas should also not be used as grass and mud are easily picked up your shoes and then transported onto the turf thus destroying the playing surface.

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