

WAIKATO HOCKEY

RULES AND GRADE UMPIRE GUIDANCE



GRADES & GAME FORMATS



Waikato Hockey Junior and Senior Divisions

The Waikato Hockey Junior Division (JD) and Senior Division Committees (SD) administer Waikato Hockey competition rules and regulations. JD administers the primary (yrs 1-6), intermediate (yrs 7-8) and secondary (yrs 9-13) schools' competition. SD the Premier and Reserve senior competitions.

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Grades and Playing Formats

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| RAINBOW - YR 1-2 6 ASIDE - 1/4 FIELD | INTERMEDIATE - YEAR 7,8 6-SIDE - 1/2 FIELD | SECONDARY - YEAR 9-13 11 ASIDE - FULL FIELD |
| MINI - YEAR 3,4,5,6 6-ASIDE 1/4 FIELD | | SENIOR - OPEN 11 ASIDE - FULL FIELD |

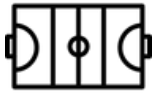

| RAINBOW FUN STICKS – YEAR 1 AND 2 | | |
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| 6 Players in a team 4 field players No goalkeepers | Twelfth field Two goals each side 20 min coaching prior to game provided by Waikato Hockey 20min game: Total 40-45min | Boys and girls mixed Open grades Scores not recorded |
| MINI – YEAR 3, 4, 5, 6 | | |
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| 8-9 Players in a team 6 Field on the field No goalkeepers | Quarter field Two mini goals each side 2 x 13 min. periods 2 min. breaks between halves | Boys and girls mixed Beginner, Development & Advanced divisions Scores not recorded Round robin only |

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Intermediate Grades

All intermediate hockey is played as half field games. The intention is to focus on player and skill development. Smaller teams means increased involvement and touches of the ball for every player in the game.


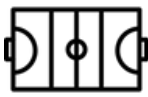


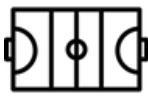

| INTERMEDIATE – YEAR 7 AND 8 – NO GOALKEEPER | | |
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| <p>6 Field players No goalkeeper</p> <p>9 Players per team</p> <p>We strongly encourage rotation of playing positions for all players.</p> <p>This encourages development of different, transferable skills and conceptual understanding across all players.</p> | <p>Half field with standard goals</p> <p>3 x 15 min periods. 5 min breaks.</p> <p>Standard rules of hockey apply with the following modifications:</p> <p>No penalty strokes</p> <p>Long corners 5m out of top circle</p> <p>Ball must not be raised above “top of the shin pad” height at any time</p> | <p>Boys and girls mixed Beginner & Developeop grades</p> <p>Penalty corner modifications: Three defending players to start from opposition circle</p> <p>Scores kept for grading purposes</p> <p>Round robin only</p> |
| INTERMEDIATE – YEAR 7 AND 8 – WITH GOALKEEPER | | |
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| <p>6 field players and a keeper</p> <p>10 Players per team</p> <p>We strongly encourage rotation of playing positions for all players.</p> <p>This encourages development of different, transferable skills and conceptual understanding across all players.</p> | <p>Half field with standard goals</p> <p>3 x 15 min periods. 5 min breaks.</p> <p>The standard rules of hockey apply with the following modifications:</p> <p>No penalty strokes</p> <p>Long corners 5m out of top circle</p> | <p>Development and Competitive grades</p> <p>Penalty corner modifications: Three defending players to start from opposition circle</p> <p>Scores kept for grading purposes</p> <p>Round robin only</p> |

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Secondary and Senior Grades

All secondary and senior hockey is played on a full field. The intention is to focus on player and skill development outside of premier grades. These grades are played under the standard rules of hockey outlined by the Federation of International Hockey, and the conduct within them is managed under the Hockey New Zealand Code of Conduct.

| SECONDARY – YEAR 9-13 | | |
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| 10 Field players with goalkeeper 16 Players per team | Full field with standard goals 2x 25 min halves 5min half time. Standard rules of hockey apply. Secondary A Grade: 4x 15min quarters Breaks 2, 5, 2 mins | A, B, C, D and U15 grades Grading and scores kept Round robin and finals played |
| SENIOR CLUB – OPEN | | |
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| 10 Field players with goalkeeper 16 Players per team | Full field with standard goals 4x 15min quarters Breaks 2, 5, 2 mins Standard rules of hockey. | Premier and Reserve grades Grading & scores kept Round robin & finals played |

Resources and Quick Links

www.waikatohockey.org.nz/umpires/resources

[WHA Mini Rules](#) | [WHA Int Rules \(Goal Keeper\)](#) | [WHA Int Rules \(No Keeper\)](#)

www.fih.hockey

[FIH Rules of Hockey](#) | [FIH Rules App](#)

www.hockeynz.co.nz/officials

[Hockey NZ Code of Conduct](#)