



SCHA Junior Competition Addendum Document

Purpose:

To provide the opportunity to all young participants within South Coast Hockey Association (Referred to as SCHA) to develop and enrich their lives through the playing of hockey.

Objectives:

1. To encourage life long and active participation in hockey.
2. To provide a safe environment in which to play.
3. To ensure equal opportunities for all young people to participate in hockey.
4. To actively cater for talented young players.

Principles:

1. Participation with an emphasis on enjoyment and fun.
2. Appropriate use of modified rules, facilities and equipment.
3. Adoption of Rules of Conduct
4. Junior members are all registered members of the SCHA under the age of 18.

Competition:

1. SCHA Junior participants should be taught that "winning" and "losing" are merely results of all sporting competitions and that the emphasis should be on the quality of the experience and its appropriateness to the age and ability of the participant.
2. The level of competition must be appropriate to the age and development of players.
3. Junior Competitions within the SCHA are considered to be U10's, U13's and U16's.

Responsibility:

1. The delivery of Junior Hockey is shared by:
 - 1.1 Coaches
 - 1.2 Parents/guardians
 - 1.3 Officials
 - 1.4 SCHA

Junior Participation:

1. The introduction of children to hockey should be gradual with the use of modified rules. Progressing through the levels of competition.
2. Players should be provided with avenues for leadership roles.
3. The safety, involvement, enjoyment and development of all junior players should be considered to be the most important outcome of Juniors playing within the SCHA.
4. All players in Under 10's and Under 13's competition who enter the field, with the exception of Goalies, are to be wearing the following safety equipment:
 - 4.1 Shin Guards
 - 4.2 Mouth Guards
 - 4.3 Face masks are to be worn, according to the rules, all players who are defending a short corner.
 - 4.4 A fully equipped goalie must be present for both teams during play of all Under 13's matches.
5. Under 10 players may be permitted to participate in Under 16's competition, with Parental Approval, Club Approval and a fully completed and Processed SCHA Junior Permit.
6. Under 13 players may be permitted to participate in the Senior competition, with Parental Approval, Club Approval and a fully completed and Processed SCHA Junior Permit.



Roles & Responsibilities of Coaches:

1. All Junior Coaches are required to promote good sportsmanship and involvement of all players on the field.
2. All Junior Coaches are required to undergo and complete “National Police Checks” or “Working with Children” equivalent clearances.
 - 2.1 All Checks and Clearances are to be handed to the SCHA President for required record Keeping, as directed by Regulatory Authorities.
3. All Junior Coaches are not to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while acting in any Official Capacity for SCHA.
4. Where a Junior Team Coach is less than 18 years of age, the club will ensure an adult coach is appointed as mentor.
5. All Junior Coaches are required to ensure all players are participating in a safe manner.

Roles & Responsibilities of Officials:

1. All Junior Officials are required to promote good sportsmanship and involvement of all players on the field.
2. All Junior Officials are required to undergo and complete “National Police Checks” or “Working with Children” equivalent clearances.
 - 2.1 All Checks and Clearances are to be handed to the SCHA President for required record Keeping, as directed by Regulatory Authorities.
3. All Junior Officials are not to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while acting in any Official Capacity for SCHA.
4. All Junior Officials are required to ensure all players are participating in a safe manner.

Roles & Responsibilities of Parents / Guardians:

1. Abide by the SCHA code of conduct.
2. Encouraging and demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times
3. Are responsible for the health and welfare of their child/children.
4. Do not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs when you arrive at the sporting venue.
5. Provide your child/children with all required safety equipment.



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1. All SCHA affiliated clubs are to support the decisions of the SCHA Junior Committee and encourage their players to participate in SCHA events.
2. All Senior members of Clubs and SCHA are to mentor and encourage their allocated juniors in the development of their hockey skills.
3. On any given match day, a Junior Member may be expected by their Club, to have played in their allocated Junior match before being considered to play up a grade.
 - 3.1 Junior coaches should approach senior Captains in situations where this becomes a problem.
4. Players can be given cards, no matter the grade, at the discretion of the umpire and in accordance with the rules of hockey.

SCHA By-Law interpretation:

Section 3:

3. Forfeits.

- 3.1 Is not applicable, but where possible notify the opposing team as soon as possible before the match.
- 3.2 A team receiving a forfeit shall be credited with two (2) Premiership points and a goal score of 5 – Nil applies.
 - 3.2.1 However, a friendly/scratch game may be played at the time programmed.
- 3.3 Applies.
- 3.4 Applies.
- 3.5 Is not applicable.

Section 7:

7. Rules for players:

- 7.3 No males may be permitted to play Women's Games.
Under 16 Girls, playing in Men's Competition will require their clubs approval, prior to taking to the field.

Section 8:

8. Umpires:

- 8.6 Any player accumulating 6 demerit points in a season shall be automatically reported, face a tribunal hearing and receive an automatic one match suspension.
 - ✓ If a minor is called to face a tribunal hearing, then a parent or legal guardian must be present.

Section 10:

To be read in conjunction with By-law 10 as written in the programme.

The following steps must be completed for Under 10's to play in Under 16's Competition and Under 13's to play in a Senior Competition:

1. A fully completed permit form submitted to the association containing:
 - 1.1 Written permission from the parent or guardian, nominating the Senior Team they wish the player to compete in. Approved permits will allow the Junior to play in one (1) Senior Team only.
 - 1.2 Approval from the member's Club Committee and signed by their Junior Coordinator.
 - 1.3 The SCHA Junior Committee is to receive, validate, sign, and then forward to the SCHA Executive Committee for final approval, which will not be adversely with-held.
 - 1.4 The SCHA Junior Committee may recommend conditions for a permit as they deem appropriate.
 - 1.5 Once approved, the permit for the member in question will be valid for that season, subject to steps (1.5) and (1.6).
 - 1.6 The Junior Committee will review any permit issued, if requested by the SCHA Executive Committee, and advise that it continue to be approved or cancelled.
 - 1.7 The Association Junior Co-ordinator will keep the list of all ratified junior permits.
 - 1.8 Captains will mark the members' name on the match card with a "P" circled for Senior games only.



1.9 A permit application can only be applied for before the start of the season or within 4 weeks of a player commencing playing.

2 Once a permit is ratified, the member's Coach or Manager may be requested to produce the permit.

Under 10's Competition

Guidelines and Modified rules that apply in U10's only:

1. Highly skilled players who would otherwise be more suited to the Under 13's competition will be encouraged to play Under 13's only.
 - 1.1 Refer to **Junior Participation criteria**, if a player who is Under 10 years of age, but participates only in the Under 13's competition, and is considering Under 16's Competition
2. Players must be under the age of 10 years, as of the 1st January of the Playing Year.
3. If one team is short of players and the other has an excess, players shall be shared to create a more equal game and to maximise player participation.
4. Teams shall have 7 players each on the ground.
5. There will not be a goalie.
6. The game shall run for no less than 12 minutes per half and no more than 20 minutes, with a 3 to 5-minute break at half time. Depending on the restrictions with the programming.
7. Goals can be scored within 10 metres of the scoring zone.
8. No score shall be recorded, nor points recorded for the duration of the season.
9. A match card is to be completed for Under 10's games.
10. Players cannot hit the ball, only push.
11. Only one player can tackle at a time.
12. Players cannot raise the ball at any time.
13. Players must wear mouthguards and shin pads while on the ground.
14. Players must move 5 metres from a free push.
15. Penalties incurred within the scoring zone will have a free awarded to be taken from the 10-metre line. No goal can be scored from a free.
16. One shirted umpire is encouraged for each game.
17. One (1) coach is allowed on the field, provided they are wearing a different coloured shirt and are not carrying a stick. They must position themselves an appropriate distance from play and are only permitted behind the goals at the umpire's discretion. Coaches must not directly interfere with play at any time. Umpires are allowed to ask a coach to move off the field if they deem them to be interfering with play.

Under 13 Competition

Guidelines and Modified rules that apply in U13's only:

1. Raised sticks above the shoulder are allowed providing there is no danger and no players are within 5 metres
2. The ball is not to be lifted at any time by a flick, overhead pass or an unintentional under-cut. This includes from a free, unless it is a penalty stroke.
3. No tomahawks are allowed at any time.
4. If a player "earns" any card, they should be sent to the coach in the first instance by the umpire, explaining the infringement, the umpire must indicate a reason to the coach why the card or disciplinary action has been taken, then the player is to sit out at the tech bench.
6. More than 16 players are permitted on the card.
7. One (1) coach is allowed on the field, provided they are wearing a different coloured shirt and are not carrying a stick. They must position themselves an appropriate distance from play and are only permitted behind the goals at the umpire's discretion. Coaches must not directly interfere with play at any time. Umpires are allowed to ask a coach to move off the field or from behind the goals if they deem them to be interfering with play.



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In Minor Rounds only:

These suggestions are guidelines that we encourage coaches to follow. They are not rules of the game and are not enforceable by umpires

1. As soon as a game reaches more than a 5-goal difference, coaches are strongly advised to adjust their playing strategy to prevent increasing the goal difference.
2. Suggestions of how to do this include but not limited to:
 - 1.1 The highest goal scorer is moved to Full Back.
 - 2.1 Any team member that has scored 3 goals is encouraged to assist in setting up goals - not to score personally.
 - 3.1 Only allow 3 attacking players in the circle at a time.

Juniors Playing Seniors

1. Match umpires may send any player from the field at any time if they believe that the player's safety is at risk.

Signed on behalf of affiliated clubs in support of the above policy:

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President, South Coast Hockey Association

Steve Quick

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Junior Coordinator, South Coast Hockey Association

Wendy Huntington

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Junior Coordinator, Victor Harbor Hockey Club

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Accepted SCHA AGM.....October 30th, 2020



SCHA Junior Permit

Purpose:

To provide the opportunity for clear concise requests, with relevant responsible areas covered.

Name of Club requesting permit: [Write details here.](#)

• Name of Player: _____ [Write details here.](#)

• Age Group/Gender: _____ [Write details here.](#)

• Date of Birth: _____ [Write details here.](#)

• Request to be in what Team: _ [Write details here.](#)

Under 10 years of age playing U16's Under 13 playing Seniors Overage player playing down

• Reason for applying for permit:

• [_Write details here.](#)

Parents Approval

YES

NO

• I understand that I am responsible for my child's health and wellbeing and I can remove my consent at any time.

• Parents conditions if any [_Write details here.](#)

• Parents/Guardian Signature: _____

Requesting Club's Approval

YES

NO

• I have observed their playing style, and in my opinion, they are capable of playing in this level of competition without the opposition modifying their game.

• Club's conditions if any [_Write details here.](#)

• Requesting Club's Junior Coordinator signature _____

SCHA Junior Committee Majority Approval

YES

NO

(Not Valid unless completed, approved, and signed by all parties)

• Conditions of permit recommended, If any.

[Write details here.](#)

• Permit Approved

Permit Declined

✓ SCHA Junior Co-ordinators signature _____

SCHA Executive Approval

YES

NO

• Reason behind Determination: [_Write details here.](#)

Copy sent to and kept by, Requesting Club Junior Coordinator, SCHA Junior Coordinator and The SCHA Recording Secretary.