

## Format

The Club Glenvale Challenge (CGC) competition is comprising a:

### Junior Competition:

- 12-15 age group
- 1 Coach, 2 Playing Mentors on each team
- 4 x Mixed Teams

### Open Competition

- 16+
- 3 x Men's Teams + 1 Ipswich Team
- 3 x Women's Teams + 1 Ipswich Team

### Dates:

Matches: Friday 9/2, 16/2, 23/2, 1/3 (Grand Final)

Training Sessions: Sunday 21/1, 28/1, 4/2, 11/2, 18/2, 25/2 (time TBC)

### Game Format

- Juniors
  - First Game begins 5:45pm
  - 2 x 25 Minute halves (5 minute half time)
  - 10 minutes between games
- Opens
  - Game times are 6:50pm & 8:10pm
  - 4 x 15 minute quarters (2 minute quarter breaks, 5 minute half time)

Team Sponsors will be provided with naming rights for their sponsored team. Final team names are to be approved by the Toowoomba Hockey Committee (THC).

The THC will identify and approach potential team Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and Captains.

The Challenge is a 4 week competition consisting of 1 full round and ending with a final played between the top 2 teams. Games of the CGC will not be counted towards Club Championship points.

Games played in the CGC will not count towards the number of games played for Club Hockey to determine finals eligibility.

The Club Glenvale Challenge Competition is a selection event for Toowoomba's Open representative teams.

## **Nominations**

Players will be required to submit a nomination to be considered for selection in this competition. Nominations must be received online by the due date specified by the THC.

Nominating Open players are to be currently playing A1 or A2 or a similar standard, and must be eligible to play senior hockey.

Nominating Junior players are to currently playing J1 or a similar standard, and must be aged 12, 13, 14 or 15 on January 1, 2024.

Junior players are allowed to nominate to play in the Open competition under the following conditions:

The player pays the Player Levies for both competitions. No Junior player is allowed to compete in the Open competition unless they are also registered to play in the Junior Competition.

Any players who nominate for Club Glenvale Challenge and are not selected in a team will be refunded their nomination fee (less admin fee).

## **Registrations**

All players must be HA/HQ registered before taking the field for their first game.

Each player will be required to pay a Player Levy when nominating. This levy will cover the player nomination fee, strength and conditioning, access fees, a Uniform levy and any other playing fees determined by the THC. The amount of this levy is to be decided by the THC prior to the call for nominations.

## **Team Selection**

Club Glenvale Challenge teams will be selected by the Selection Panel appointed by the Toowoomba Hockey Committee.

Nominated players will be added to a selection list.

Open

The selection Panel will select a squad of 16 players (including 1 goalkeeper), or 17 players with 2 goalkeepers (at the selectors discretion). For development and selection purposes, it is the responsibility of the Coach to ensure game time is shared across all players.

Each team shall consist of a mix of players from across the 5 major clubs (and Inter-city players).

Depending on the quantity of nominations, a reserve pool may be created at the discretion of the Coaching Manager, from players who nominated and were not selected. If you are selected to play, you will be required to pay a pro rata fee for the matches you play.

Only selected players, or pool players, may take the field.

## **Selection Panel and Process.**

The Selection Panel is appointed by the THC and can be made up of:

- Coaching Manager
- THA Opens team Coaches
- The Senior Chairs of Selectors
- The Junior Chairs of Selectors (for Junior Competition)
- Other Persons that the Coaching Manager or THC nominates

### Selection Process

#### Open Competition

The Selection Panel will select 3 x women and 3 x men's teams to compete in the Open Competition, from the players who have nominated. The criteria will include, but not be limited to:

- Team balance (even distribution of defenders, midfielders, strikers)
- Playing standard (even distribution of skill and experience)
- Where possible, a representation in each team from all 5 clubs

#### Junior Competition

The Selection Panel will select 4 mixed teams to compete in the Junior Competition, from the players who have nominated. The criteria will include, but not be limited to:

- Gender balance, each team to have the same number of boys and girls, where possible
- Team balance (even distribution of defenders, midfielders, strikers)
- Playing standard (even distribution of skill and experience)
- Where possible, a representation in each team from all 5 clubs.

### Playing Mentors

Playing mentors for the Junior competition will be selected from the nominations. Each junior team is to have 1 coach and 2 playing mentors. The mentors play on the field to help develop the junior players.

Junior playing mentors and coaches are eligible to also nominate to play in the Senior Competition.

Playing mentors will be considered based on the following:

- Hockey playing level and coaching experience
- Supportive character and mindset to develop junior players.

Junior playing mentors will not be charged a fee to participate in the Junior Competition.

Junior playing mentors will be allocated to their specific teams by the Toowoomba Hockey Committee in consultation with the Coaching Manager.

## **Training**

Training will be held at Clyde Park and sessions will commence 2 weeks prior to the start of the competition. Each training session will consist of a strength and conditioning session, as well as an on-pitch training session.

## **Playing Rules**

Standard FIH Rules of Hockey apply.

## **Additional Playing Rules**

- No mentors are allowed to take shoot out in the Junior Competition.
- If a stroke is awarded in general play, it is permitted that any player can come up and take that stroke. However, the conversion attempt (if that stroke is successful) must be taken by the player who was awarded the stroke in the first place. This does not apply to strokes that are awarded during a conversion attempt. The stroke in this instance, must be taken by the conversion taker.
- Field Goal Conversions. When a field goal or penalty stroke awarded during field play is scored, the same athlete will have an automatic one-on-one shootout with the goalkeeper for the chance of an extra goal.
- All matches must have a winner. Match points will be given five points for a win, or two points to each team in the event scores are level at full time. A shootout will then occur, with one point awarded to the winner of the shoot-out. The losing team of a match decided in regular time will receive 0 points.
- Player of the Match – Selectors will choose the player of the match per team each week.
- Player of the Series – Selectors will choose the player of the series at the completion of the Final.
- Any cards given to players will be reviewed by the THC for appropriate action.

## **Uniforms**

Players will pay a Uniform levy at nomination – this levy will cover one pair of shorts/skirt and socks per player.

THA will supply each player with a playing jersey which is to be returned to the Team Manager at the completion of the tournament.