



The following rule amendments have been approved by the Board of Directors.

These amendments supersede any previously approved rule and are for use in 2026.

These amendments will be reconsidered at the '2026 Bylaws & Playing Rules Review'. If approved the amendment will become the rule for future years.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

1. 3.3.1 – Judiciary Committee – Membership

Rule Approved:

The Proxy may be called, by the Complaints Manager, to fill a position on a Judiciary Panel if other delegates are not available. However, a Judiciary Panel may not consist of two (2) members from the same Major Club.

2. 3.3.1 c) – Judiciary Committee – Membership

Rule Approved:

c) A Complaints Manager appointed by the Board of Directors.

3. 3.3.2 – Judiciary Committee – Method of Appointment

Rule Approved:

Delete paragraph: Two (2) Ordinary or Life Members can nominate a person to take up the Chair of the Judiciary Committee.

4. 3.3.3 to 3.3.11 – Judiciary Committee

Rule Approved:

Delete rules 3.3.3, 3.3.4, 3.3.5, 3.3.6, 3.3.8, 3.3.9, 3.3.10, 3.3.11 – replace with:

'THA adopts the Hockey Queensland Judiciary Policy. All processes are set out therein and will be available on the THA website'.

5. 3.4 – Appeals Committee

Rule Approved:

Delete rule 3.4.3 to 3.4.14 – replace with:

'THA adopts the Hockey Queensland Judiciary Policy. All processes are set out therein and will be available on the THA website'.



PLAYING RULE AMENDMENTS

6. Definition 23 – Modifieds

Rule Approved:

Modifieds means a player who is the age of seven (7) or over by the 1st of January of the current year and under the age of ten (10) by the 1st of January of the current year, is eligible for Modifieds.

7. 2.3.3 – Permitted Play in Higher Divisions – Junior and Minkey/Modifieds

Rule Approved:

New rule: a) Minkey aged players may play in the Modified competition but are not permitted to play in the Under 10 division.

Updated rule: b) Modified players may play in the Under 10 division in the relevant teams.

8. 6.4.2 – Spectator Behaviour Management

Rule Approved:

New rule:

Where, in the opinion of the Umpire, spectator behaviour is inappropriate, abusive, intimidating, or adversely affecting the conduct of the game, the Umpire may take reasonable preventative or intervention steps, including:

- Informal communication or warning;
- A formal warning communicated through the captain of the relevant team;
- Suspension of play while reasonable steps are taken to address the behaviour; and/or
- Referral for further action under Rule 6.4.1.

Where inappropriate spectator behaviour continues following reasonable warnings and intervention attempts, the Umpire may impose a personal penalty against the captain of the relevant team.

Any personal penalty imposed under this Rule:

- Is to be treated as a normal personal penalty; and
- Is intended as a final escalation step following unsuccessful intervention attempts.

Where the source of the behaviour cannot be reasonably identified, the Umpire may communicate warnings through both captains.

APPROVAL

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