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UNDERWATER  
HOCKEY  
HANDBOOK

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## 1. EQUIPMENT

**Barriers, mini league gear, white goals and WUHA Pucks are not available for use outside of scheduled league nights. Schools using the WUHA equipment outside of scheduled league nights will have 4 points deducted.**

All gear used during the league will need to be legal.

Gear required for every game, by all players:

- Mask with two lenses, either tempered glass or plastic
- Snorkel – must be cut in line with the player’s head and flexible
- Mouth guard – either internal or external
- Glove – strongly contrasting to the puck and the stick
- Stick – as per CMAS rules
- Fins – no buckles, no sharp edges.

**All senior players must wear the correct coloured cap for every game.**

Players who do not have the correct gear will not be permitted to play until they are wearing all of the correct gear. Referees are expected to check all player’s gear before starting the game. Both parents and players are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that any gear that they purchase meets the legal requirements to play the game.

There will be limited gear available for use during the pre-season games. Players who borrow the gear must return it at the end of the night in the same condition they got it in. Failure to do so will result in the team being charged to replace the items. Please contact [chair@wuha.org.nz](mailto:chair@wuha.org.nz). You can order gear through <http://hydrouwh.com/>.

## 2. COACHES/REFEREES

Coaches will need to be arranged for each team. If you are an established team, please approach the coach of your 2020 team to ask for their availability or suggestions for the 2021 season. If you are a new team, contact College Sport Wellington. The WUHA policy is to aim for one coach per school, and then for one coach per team.

Please be aware that coaches are all volunteers and need support from within the school system. Without our volunteer coaches, the sport would not run. Please respect them, and be sure to thank them for their time. Many of our coaches have years of experience playing and coaching. While managers play a very important role, we need to remember that coaches know a lot about the dynamics of the sport and team, and therefore, their decisions should be respected.

- **MANAGERS** - The best performing teams are the best supported teams; every team needs a manager as well as a coach to deal with administrative & transport requirements. The managerial role is a great way to get parents involved – you don’t need to know anything about the sport to be extremely useful! Please do not leave all the work up to one person.
- **REFEREES** - Each Senior team must supply at least two qualified Referee’s for each game that they are allocated to Referee. Refereeing is an important part of participating in the league. Players must have passed the theory component of the Level 1 Referee Course before they may referee any game. Please check with the WUHA Chief Referee if you have any concerns,

by e-mailing [ref@wuha.org.nz](mailto:ref@wuha.org.nz). All junior competition games will have referees provided via WUHA. Juniors doing referee courses will use this time with support from WUHA to develop their referee ability.

- **LEVEL 1 REFEREES COURSE** - This course is the Level 1 Referee's course that all school students with ONE or more years of playing experience should attend. The course is approximately 10 hours long and costs \$80 (tbc) per student. WUHA subsidises these courses. Schools must provide two level 1 qualified referees during the Schools League and four at Central Zones and Schools Nationals. This year WUHA is looking at holding two Referees Courses.

Course dates **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Please email [ref@wuha.org.nz](mailto:ref@wuha.org.nz) with a list of players you would like to put on the course. A re-sit course will be available later in the year.

- **COACHES MENTORING** – WUHA is looking at establishing a mentoring system for coaches – **more information will be available shortly. Coaches interested in participating in this course please email [coach@wuha.org.nz](mailto:coach@wuha.org.nz).**
- A novice coaching course will be held during the pre-season games. WUHA will let you know more details once the date and time have been confirmed.

### 3. INFORMATION SESSIONS

There will be information sessions for parents, managers and school contacts run on the first two nights of the Competition league. Find out about the year ahead, meet the organisers and get all your questions answered! Everybody is welcome.

- **INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES** - An introduction to the rules course will be held at the beginning of the Pre-season competitions (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020). All junior teams and any new senior players will be required to attend this rules course. This course will cover legal gear, pool rules, an introduction to uwh rules and anything else WUHA deems appropriate to cover. More details about the course will be circulated to teams.

### 4. THE STRIKE SYSTEM

The strike system will work for both individuals (players and coaches) and teams, and is applied in the first instance to any behaviour that brings the game or its member into disrepute. These are additional to penalties that may be imposed in a game (such as sin binning/total dismissal). This system relies on the honesty of players, referees, coaches, managers and parents. If you have seen behaviour you think is inappropriate, please contact CSW as soon as possible after the incident.

WHITE CARD OFFENCES:

- Verbally abusing another player
- Any action which makes the game late to start (such as failing to put in barriers or failing to provide the puck) - White card will be issued to each team involved
- Failing to help with duties - White card will be issued to each team involved
- Late default
- Using 5m pool

- Using bulkheads unless you are a coach or manager, or you are getting the barriers/goals in or out of the pool
- Using enclosed stairwell by 5m pool for team talks / warm up
- Wearing fins while walking around the pool

#### YELLOW CARD OFFENCES:

- Failing to Referee (See 8. COMPETITION STRUCTURE & POINTS)
- Players/Teams who gain 2 whites will be automatically given a yellow card, with the associated penalties

#### RED CARD OFFENCES:

- Striking another Player/Referee
- Deliberate Unsportsmanlike Conduct
- Verbally abusing a Referee/Official

#### PROCEDURE ASSOCIATED WITH THE STRIKE SYSTEM

- Players/Teams who gain a white card will be put on notice via the “strike list”
- Players/Teams who gain two whites will be moved to a yellow and deducted 4 points – The school will be notified of the indiscretion
- Players/Teams who gain a red card will automatically be stood down for one game – which may be extended by WUHA committee if deemed appropriate (The school will be notified of any such card and sanctions).

#### APPEALS

- If a team or player receives a white, yellow or red card an appeal must be lodged within 24 hours of receiving written notice.
- Appeals must be sent to the WUHA Chair and CSW.
- A fee of \$100 will be required with the appeal. This can be paid at the next school night unless your appeal is successful. You will be advised of whether you will be required to pay the fee.
- The cash deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld or it is believed to have merit. If the protest is dismissed the payment will be retained by the Association.
- WUHA will allow the captain, coach or manager of the team lodging the appeal and any other person or team which may be affected by its decision, an opportunity to be heard before it makes a decision.
- Appeal form can be found at the end of the handbook on page 12.

## 5. Complaints

Refer to the College Sport Wellington By-laws 27 and 28.

## 6. WUHA Pool Manager

The pool manager is a representative from WUHA who is there to support the duty team, to ensure the competition night runs smoothly. If you have any questions on the night, the pool manager should be approached.

## 7. GRADES/NUMBERS

The Schools League is broken into 4 grades.

- Junior Girls (under 15 at 1 Jan 2021 – girls only)
- Junior Open (under 15 at 1 Jan 2021 - boys or mixed)
- Senior Girls (any age, girls only)
- Senior Open (any age, boys or mixed)

Teams with all girls must be entered into either Junior Girls or Senior Girls.

Novice senior players (first year players who are over the age of 15) may play in the junior grades at WUHA's discretion. This must be organised before commencement of the league. Each team can have up to 12 players; however, only 10 players may play each game as per CMAS rules.

## 8. COMPETITION STRUCTURE & POINTS

The schools underwater hockey season has been divided up into 2 segments, with the aim of providing opportunity for development, then a competition round. This will ensure teams get to play everyone in their grade then conclude the season playing regular hard games leading up to Regional and National competitions.

Teams will play a maximum of 2 games per night at

- Preseason 'Have a go' (19<sup>th</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> April)
- Competition (4<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> June) including *semis and finals*

The points for this season are:

- 4 points for a win
- 2 points for a draw
- 0 points for a loss
- -2 for being late for refereeing (note 1)
- -4 Failure to Referee (note 2)
- -4 Using WUHA equipment outside of scheduled league nights
- -8 Abuse of Referee, another player, manager, coach or WUHA volunteer (note 3)
  - **Note 1:** *Late to Refereeing means the allocated referees are not ready to referee when the game is due to start and as a result the game starts late using the allocated referees.*
  - **Note 2:** *Failure to Referee means the allocated referees are not ready to referee when the game is due to start and the game has commenced or about to commence using alternate referees in the absence of the allocated referees.*
  - **Note 3:** *Abuse constitutes any unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited by a player, manager or coach towards a Referee, another player, manager, coach or WUHA volunteer*

Any ruling on the deduction or addition of points by the WUHA Committee shall be final and may not be challenged.

WUHA may introduce changes to the round robin competition depending on the numbers of teams in each grade. More information will be provided on this once all entries have been received.

## 9. Defaults

Defaults must be emailed or phoned to College Sport and opposition team **by 12 noon on the day of play** or earlier. Defaults after this time will incur a default fee from CSW. If a team defaults, it is still their responsibility to cover any referee duty assigned and any referee duty assigned to their opposition team.

## 10. TROPHIES, AWARDS & PLACINGS

Medals will be given to the winners of each division.

- **WUHA SHIELDS** - These Trophies will be contested each week and the winner of the contested match will retain the Trophy until the next contested match (which shall be when the trophy holders next play). The Trophies **must** be brought to the pool each week by the team, failing to do so will result in automatic forfeiture of the trophy to the challenging team. These trophies are only available for contest during the regular season. Semi-finals and finals are excluded.

## 11. U18 INTERZONE TRIALS & MINI-LEAGUE

The U18 Interzone squads will be announced at Centrals Tournament. To be selected into one of the teams, squad players are required to do one mini-league duty. WUHA takes a record of all the players who show at each mini-league. Please email [mini@wuha.org.nz](mailto:mini@wuha.org.nz) to register for these. Places will be limited to **20 players** per Mini-League night. Please don't leave your duty until the last minute. Mini-leagues will be held at the Huia pool from 2pm – 8pm (approx.):

Saturday 13 March  
Saturday 22 May  
Saturday 19 Jun  
Saturday 21 August

Saturday 18 September  
Saturday 30 October  
Saturday 13 November

## 12. NOTICEBOARD

Notices which relate to school teams will be placed on the board which will be found by the scorebench. Players are required to check this board for any notices. If you wish to put any notices on the board please email through to [chair@wuha.org.nz](mailto:chair@wuha.org.nz).



## WELLINGTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY WINNERS

	SENIOR OPEN	SENIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR OPEN	JUNIOR GIRLS	SENIOR OPEN DIV 2	SENIOR GIRLS DIV 2	JUNIOR OPEN DIV 2	JUNIOR GIRLS DIV 2	SO CHALLENGE CUP SOLOMON SHIELD	SG CHALLENGE CUP ALEXANDER SHEILD	JO CHALLENGE CUP ARNOLD SHIELD	JG CHALLENGE CUP WUHA SHIELD	FAIRPLAY	COACHES CUP
2012	Scots College	Wellington Girls	Wellington College	Wellington Girls	HIBS 2	Wellington East	HIBS		Wellington College	Aotea College			HVHS	Kevin Hunter (Aotea)
2013	Scots College	Wellington Girls	Scots College	Queen Margaret	-	-			Wellington College	Wellington Girls				
2014	Wellington College	Wellington Girls			-	-			Wellington College	Wellington Girls				
2015	Wellington College	Wellington Girls	HIBS	Wellington East					Wellington College	Wellington Girls				
2016	Wellington College	Wellington Girls	HIBS	HVHS					Wellington College	Wellington East				
2017	Wellington College	Wellington East	HIBS	HVHS	St Pat's Town	HVHS 2	Wellington College	Queen Margaret	HIBS	Wellington East	HIBS	HVHS		
2018	HIBS 1	Wellington East	St Pat's Town	Marsden	HIBS 2	-	Wellington High	-	HIBS	Wellington East	Wellington College	Wellington East		
2019	St Pats Wellington	Wellington Girls	Wellington College	Marsden	-	-	-	-	Wellington College	Wellington Girls	Wellington College	Samuel Marsden		

## WELLINGTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY RANKINGS 2019

SENIOR OPEN	SENIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR OPEN	JUNIOR GIRLS
St Pats Town	Wellington Girls 1	Wellington College 1	Samuel Marsden
Hutt International	Hutt Valley High School	Scots College	Hutt Valley High School
Wellington College 1	Wellington East 1	Wellington High 1	Wellington Girls
Scots	Aotea College	Hutt Valley High School	Wellington East 1
Wellington College 2	Samuel Marsden	Aotea College	Queen Margaret
Hutt Valley High School	Queen Margaret	St Pats Town	Wellington High
Wellington High	Wellington High	Wellington College 2	Wellington High
Onslow College	Wellington Girls 2	Tawa College	Wellington East 2
	Wellington East 2	Wellington High 2	

## WELLINGTON UNDERWATER HOCKEY RANKINGS 2018

SENIOR OPEN	SENIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR OPEN	JUNIOR GIRLS
Hutt International 1	Wellington East 1	St Pat's Town	Samuel Marsden
Wellington College 1	Wellington Girls	Wellington College	Wellington East 1
Scots College	Queen Margaret	Scots College	Hutt Valley High School
St Pat's Town	Hutt Valley High School	Aotea College	Wellington Girls 1

Hutt International 2	Aotea College	Wellington High	Wellington High
Hutt Valley High School	Wellington East 2	Tawa College	Wellington East 2
Onslow College	Chilton	Wellington College 2	Queen Margaret
Wellington College 2		Hutt Valley High School	
Wellington High			

# Wellington Underwater Hockey By-laws Governing Schools Competitions

These by-laws have been designed in consultation with CSW to enable greater flexibility for an emerging sport to accommodate the lower player numbers that some schools face.

## 1.0 Definitions

In these bylaws, the following words have the following meanings:

<b>Calendar year</b>	the year in which the competition begins.
<b>Competition Round</b>	the portion of the competition where teams compete and accrue points to determine the teams which will compete in the Finals.
<b>Division</b>	one or more subsets of competition contained within a Grade
<b>Finals</b>	the games which determine the final standing of teams in the competition.
<b>Grade</b>	any one of the subsets of competition specified in clause 4.1 of these bylaws
<b>Grading Round</b>	the portion of the competition where teams compete and accrue points to determine the divisions that the teams will compete.
<b>Higher Division</b>	a division that is higher than a lower division.
<b>Higher Division Team</b>	a team that plays in a higher division
<b>League</b>	the Wellington Underwater Hockey Association Schools League
<b>Lower Division</b>	a division that is lower than a higher division
<b>Lower Division Team</b>	a team that plays in a lower division
<b>Team entry</b>	the entry form, which details the players who constitute a team, and which is submitted by Secondary School.
<b>Preseason</b>	the portion of the competition where teams compete but do not accrue points.
<b>Season</b>	the portion of the competition which includes the Grading Round, the Competition Round & Finals.
<b>WUHA</b>	the Wellington Underwater Hockey Association.

## 2.0 Team Entry

2.1 All Players of a team must be listed on that team's team entry.

2.2 All Teams must have submitted a team entry to WUHA.

## 3.0 Powers of WUHA

3.1 WUHA has the power to:

3.1.1 accept a team entry.

3.1.2 refuse to accept a team entry.

3.1.3 deregister a team.

3.1.4 divide grades into any number of divisions in any manner that it desires.

3.1.5 alter a team entry at any time during the season.

3.1.6 dispense with any rule contained in these bylaws.

#### **4.0 Grades**

4.1 WUHA will offer the following grades in the competition: Junior Girls, Junior Open, Senior Girls, Senior Open.

4.2 Teams which are comprised solely of female players, who are under the age of 15, as at the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of that calendar year, must play in the Junior Girls grade.

4.3 Teams which are comprised solely of players who are under the age of 15, as at the 1<sup>st</sup> January of that calendar year, must play in the Junior open grade.

4.4 Teams which are comprised solely of female players and which cannot play in the Junior Girls Grade must play in the Senior Girls grade.

4.5 Teams which cannot play in the Junior Girls grade or Junior Open Grade or Senior Girls grade must play in the Senior Open grade

#### **5.0 The League**

5.1 The League is comprised of the following stages three rounds: the preseason, the grading round the competition round and the finals

#### **6.0 Restrictions on Players & Penalties.**

6.1 During the season players may simultaneously compete in more than one grade.

6.2 During the season players may not play for more than one team within any grade.

6.3 During the season a player from a team that is entered into a higher division cannot play for a team that is entered into a lower division

6.4 During the season a player from a team that is entered into a lower division may play for a team that is entered into a higher division, if: they have not played for that team on more than 4 nights during the season, and they have obtained the consent of WUHA prior to playing.

6.5 Should a team not follow the procedure specified in clause 6.4 and play, during the season, then the result of the game will be altered, as follows:

6.5.1 the team that player played for will be treated as having defaulted and the appropriate penalty will be applied,

6.5.2 the team that the now defaulting team played against, will be treated as having won the game, and will be awarded the appropriate points

6.6 During the season if a player registered in a lower division plays in the higher division, on more than 4 nights, then that player will be deemed to no longer be a member of the lower division team, and instead will be deemed to be a member of the higher division team and can no longer play in the lower division team.

#### **7.0 Relegation of Teams**

7.1 The teams that have accumulated the least number of points after the grading round may be relegated to a separate division by WUHA

**Wellington Underwater Hockey Association**

**APPEAL FORM**

Team Name:

Grade:

School:

Card Issued:

Date Issued:

Reason for card issued:

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Please explain why you believe that the card should not have been issued.

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Do you think a different card should have been issued instead?

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Do you wish to appear in person before the WUHA Committee? Yes/No

Please note that in some circumstances the Committee may ask you to be present.

*Please ensure you have read and understood the appeals process on page 6 of the 2019 CSW Underwater Hockey Handbook*