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**Winter Season 2010**

**1. VENUES**

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**37 SCORESBY ROAD**  
**BAYSWATER**  
**9720-5980 MEL – 64 G4**

**DANDENONG SKATE CENTRE**  
**41 PRINCES HWY**  
**DANDENONG**  
**9794-8039 MEL – 91 B12**

**SKATEWORLD FRANKSTON**  
**CNR FRANKSTON /DANDENONG RD &**  
**ALAYLA CRES**  
**CARRUM DOWNS**  
**9733-6799 MEL – 100 C4**

**VICTORIAN SKATING CENTRE**  
**LILYDALE INDUSTRIAL PARK**  
**155 BERESFORD ROAD**  
**LILYDALE**  
**9735-5888 MEL – 38**

**COLCHESTER INDOOR**  
**15 COLCHESTER ROAD**  
**ROSEBUD WEST**  
**5981-2888 MEL –**

**PUCKHANDLERS**  
**CNR BLAKE & DAVIS STS.,**  
**RESERVOIR 19478 2876 MEL -19 E10**

**STADIUM 34**  
**34 BELL ST MOE**  
**5127 8300**

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## 2. PROGRAM

- The 2010 Winter Season will be of twelve (12) rounds plus three rounds of finals duration to be played on a weekly basis.
- The first round will commence on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 with the Grand Finals to be played on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- Teams apply through their Club.
- All Clubs must be current Financial Members of Inline Hockey Victoria (ILHV)/Skate Australia.
- All Players must be Competitive members of ILHV/Skate Australia prior to playing their first game. All monies and paperwork must be with Inline Hockey Victoria prior to playing in the sanctioned competition.
- Playing an unregistered player or a player with incorrect registration for that division may result in forfeit of points for that game.

### 3a COACHING

- Bench coaches must be members of Skate Victoria. Bench coaches who are not already registered as Development or Competitive members can register as Associate.
- Signed a code of ethics agreement
- Be accredited through the Nationals Coaches Accreditation Scheme
- Non accredited coaches must of attended a Coaching Training Session prior to the season

#### 4. DIVISIONS FOR COMPETITION

All ages are as at 1st January 2010.

Development League 7-13

12 & Under  
14 & Under  
16 & Under  
Senior A  
Senior Ba  
Senior Bb  
Senior C

#### 5. NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Senior A Players must have reached the age of **15 years**, **Senior Ba players 15 years of age and Senior Bb and C players 14 years of age** as at the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010. Players who have turned 15 during the year may apply for a dispensation to play in Senior A or Ba
- Players may only play one (1) senior division game per Round.
- Senior B players may play up to **three (3)** games in Senior A. However after three games in 'A's a player may no longer drop back to 'B's, (i.e. senior B grade players may play two games in Senior A and still drop back to B grade, but if they choose to play a third game in Senior A then they are no longer eligible to play B grade and must remain in A grade for the remainder of that season). Senior C players may play up to **three (3)** games with one of that club's teams in Senior B. However after three games in 'B' with that team players may no longer drop back to 'C'. They must remain in 'B' for the remainder of the season. **It is intended that this should cultivate an opportunity for development of borderline 'A' and 'B' players, not to be used to stack 'B' and 'C' teams. Therefore players who have played Senior Men's Hockey at the National Championships in the last two years, or who have either played (in the last two years) or currently play Pro League in Victoria, or who have played Senior Men's Hockey for any other State or Nation in the last two years are not eligible to play Senior B. However players may apply to the Match & Permits Committee for a dispensation to participate in Senior B if they are coming back from serious injuries or for other reasons. These dispensations are to be reviewed at regular intervals.**
- Senior C is open only to players over **35 years** of age, less skilled players **14 years** of age and over, and players deemed as suitable by the Match & Permits Committee. Competitive players from Ice Hockey who have played in

that capacity over the last two years will not be eligible for Senior C. Senior C players cannot play in any other division unless a dispensation is requested. The purpose for this rule is to keep the Senior C division level at an age specific or development level. Therefore if a Senior C player wishes to play in their own age group as well as Senior C then they must request a dispensation to do so from the Match & Permits committee.

- Players eligible for **7-13** development league are deemed to be Novices and cannot play in the weekly league as well. Once a player has played 12's they must remain in the 12's division. Players may apply to the Match & Permits Committee for a dispensation from this rule, should it be felt that having participated in the 12 & under competition they are not sufficiently skilled or physically developed enough for that level. **Any player who has been selected and competed at a Nationals level will no longer be eligible for the 7-13 development league division.**
- Players may only play a maximum of **two (2)** junior club games per round, or **1 junior and 1 senior.**
- All teams must be nominated with at least six age specific (6) floor players and one (1) goalie. All Clubs must provide Team Lists to the Inline Hockey Co-ordinator prior to Round 1.
- If a club has any specific requests (wish list) they wish to be considered when fixturing games. These must be submitted to the ILHV Co-ordinator when submitting teams. This is not to say that all requests can or will be accommodated. Remove paragraph.
- All dispensations for the Winter season must be submitted with your team nominations.
- All Clubs are responsible for providing a **Scorer or Timekeeper** for their games.
- Players may play for another club's team in a division for which the player is eligible, if that player's club does not have a team in that division. Please note that this cannot be used to play more than 2 junior games per round or **1 junior and 1 senior.**

## 6. FORFEITS

- A forfeiting team shall **lose half a point (0.5), a second forfeit will incur a loss of one point (1.0) and a third forfeit one point five points (1.5)** and will be required to pay a forfeiture fee made up of the combined match fees for both teams fixtured. Clubs, Team Managers and Rink Operators must be reasonable in their efforts to organise a scratch match in lieu of the fixtured game. Should sufficient willing players be present to play a scratch match, then rink owners should allow this game to take place in the time slot booked by Inline Hockey Victoria for the forfeited match, provided all rink and referee costs are covered by this match.
- **No team will be allowed to defer any game regardless of any agreement with the other fixture. There will be no rescheduling of any games.**
- A scoresheet documenting the forfeited game, clearly showing which team forfeited and listing the players of the non-forfeiting team should be completed and signed off by the referee.
- Any Team which has more than three forfeits in a season will be deemed ineligible for the finals.

## 7. REFEREES

- Referees are charged with the safety and conduct of all players, officials and spectators attending games.
- Rostering and supervision of referees will be the responsibility of the Chief of Officials.

## 8. GAME DURATION

- All games will be of two (2) 20 minute running time halves, with a five (5) minute rest period at half time. A two minute warm up period should be allowed before the commencement of any game, time permitting.
- In cases of high temperature 35 degrees or over the referee WILL, unless the heat conditions can be altered via A/C enhanced airflow etc, suspend play or not withstanding a change in conditions, abandon play

## 9. COMPETITION RULES

- All games will be conducted in the spirit of a non contact sport.

- All games will be played with stop time if at the start of the last two minutes of the game the scoreboard shows a one (1) goal difference or less or if within the last two minutes the score becomes a one (1) goal difference or less. Once stop time commences, it will continue for the balance of the duration of the game notwithstanding that the scores cease to be a one (1) goal difference or less.
- All games will be played under the ILHV Rulebook (21.05.07) and any modifications which apply under ILHV sanctions or bylaws.
- The minimum number of players required to commence a game is five (5). Teams shall be allowed to start a game with five floor players but no player shall have goalkeeper privileges.
- If a team is short a goalie at the beginning of the game, five floor players will be allowed for the first period. If the goalie is not ready by the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period then the game is to be declared a forfeit. A scratch match may be played at this point, but will still be played under ILHV rulebook conditions.
- If during a game a team cannot place on the playing surface a minimum of 3 players, including the goal keeper, because of match penalties, gross misconduct, game misconduct, illness or injuries, then the offending team shall be deemed to forfeit the game and the points awarded to the non offending team.

#### 10. TRIBUNALS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- All games are conducted under the auspices of the ILHV Rulebook (21.05.07) This rulebook will be the ultimate reference for penalties should suspensions become necessary as the result of a tribunal finding.
- Tribunal procedures are set out in the Skate Australia Disciplinary Bylaw No 8
- No suspended sentences will be handed down by the ILHV tribunal, all imposed suspensions must be served.
- No concurrent sentences will be handed down by the ILHV tribunal, all suspensions must be served cumulatively.
- All suspensions will be issued as matches (no suspension will be handed down on a calendar basis) and must be served in the division in which the penalised player was competing, when cited for the offence which lead to the suspension. Forfeits (unless the forfeit is initiated by the opposing team) and byes will not count towards total matches served
- On the spot suspensions (game misconducts) issued by the match referees at the time, cannot be appealed or repealed by a tribunal, unless the infraction is specifically presented to the tribunal to be heard.

- Suspended players officials or coaches, may not act in any capacity on a player bench during a match for the period of the suspension. Further suspended players, club officials and coaches may not referee any ILHV sanctioned game.
- All clubs, club officials and players and should be aware, that under the guidelines of an agreement between Inline Hockey Victoria and Ice Hockey Victoria, any player suspended in an ice hockey game for longer than three weeks, will be automatically suspended from ILHV games until such time as the IHV suspension has been served. Consequently similarly suspended ILHV players will be unable to compete in IHV games until their suspension is served in ILHV competition.
- Complaints or Appeals, excepting those involving Harassment, must be made in writing on the Club Letterhead, signed by the Club President and forwarded to the Chief of Officials.

## 11. FINALS

- Players must play a minimum of four (4) games with a Club Team in a division to be eligible for finals. If a player transfers to a different club then they must play the required number of games with the new club to be eligible to play finals for that club. The only exception to this rule will be when the team they are transferring from has withdrawn from the competition and no longer competes. Forfeits will count as a game played, but only for the team which has been forfeited against and only if the player played in the round before or after the forfeited game. The team which forfeits the match cannot claim the forfeited game as one which counts towards finals qualification. Suspensions do not count towards games played. Byes do not count as a game played.

**Should two or more teams tie on points after the conclusion of the regular season competition, the tie will be broken as follows:**

1. **Score %** – The percentage of Goals for divided by Goals against
2. **Head to Head** – Winner of Game (s) between teams during the season
3. **Highest Number of Goals**
4. **Penalties** – The team with the lower total number of penalties for the season will finish ahead

### **Ties in Finals**

If a finals game should be a draw at full time, a further **five (5)** minute period of **Sudden Death** (first goal wins) will be played after a three-minute rest.  
If the game should still be undecided, another five minute period of Sudden Death will be played after a three minute rest

Grand Finals will be played with stop time in the last two minutes regardless of the score.

## 12. MATCH & PERMITS COMMITTEE

All requests for dispensation on any grounds should be forwarded to the Match & Permits Committee for consideration.

The Match & Permits Committee comprises:

Cheryl McQueen - statistician	<a href="mailto:cheryl@skatevictoria.com.au"><u>cheryl@skatevictoria.com.au</u></a>
Stuart Miller – Board member	<a href="mailto:bombers@bigpond.net.au"><u>bombers@bigpond.net.au</u></a>
Mick Flaherty – Director of Coaching -	<a href="mailto:mickf24@hotmail.com"><u>mickf24@hotmail.com</u></a>

The Match & Permits Committee has the authority of the Executive Committee to grant dispensations to players and clubs from the Nomination Guidelines. The decisions of the Match & Permits Committee shall be final. The Match & Permits Committee has a wide discretion to deal with requests on a case by case basis and shall make decisions on what it believes are the best interests of the competition and the sport of inline hockey. A member of the Match & Permits Committee may not partake in a decision involving a Club or team in which the member is closely associated.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any player granted a dispensation during the season will not be eligible for end of season awards.

**Any player who is granted a dispensation to play below their age group will not be eligible to try out for Nationals.**

A club requesting a dispensation for the following weekends games must have their dispensation request into the panel by 5.00 pm Wednesday or the dispensation will not be looked at.

The Match & Permits committee will also deal with rink issues and player eligibility issues where it may be deemed as a player is playing in the wrong division.

## 13. TRANSFERS

- An individual member of a club may transfer his/her affiliation in a member club only by obtaining a prior written release from that member club. This shall be the case both at the end of the skating year and during the skating year.
- A request for a release must be made in writing to the secretary of the member's club.
- A club secretary is obliged to supply an individual member with a letter of release within seven (7) days of receipt of the request unless there are specific obligations to the club that the individual member must fulfil. If the

individual member disputes that those obligations apply to him/her, he/she may appeal to the Executive Committee of the Association.

- A member club who has objections to the release of an individual member must advise the Association in writing of those objections upon request by the Association.
- If a club does not provide a release within seven (7) days of receipt of a written request for release, the member seeking release may request the Executive Committee of the Association to intervene and a copy of the request for release and any additional information must be forwarded to the Association. The Executive of the Association may settle the matter as it sees fit.