

PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MATCH DURATION AND START TIMES

Extremes of Weather

If a match is halted part way through, starts late or concludes early due to extremes of weather; a game shall be considered a completed match when 50% or more of the match period has been played. This time period may be cumulative or consecutive.

Lack of Player Numbers

A team cannot take the field or continue to play unless they have;

- 7 or more players in the 11-a-side format on the field at any one time, or
- 5 or more players in the 9-a-side format on the field at any one time.

Missing players are defined as late-comers or suspended players or a combination.

PMHHA Management will provide clarification for modified format games in the lower age juniors competitions.

Serious Injuries

Should a match need to be halted due to serious injury whereby a player cannot be moved for medical / safety reasons, a game shall be considered a completed match as per the Extremes of Weather definition above.

Late Starters

Every team has a “grace period” of 15 mins from the scheduled start time to field a team. If a team does not meet the minimum requirements during this period, they shall forfeit the match. Their opposition shall be awarded a 5-0 win. Refer to the PMHHA Deferrals and Forfeits Policy for other conditions governing forfeits and loss of points. The definition of a team for the purpose of this clause also includes a fully kitted goal keeper where required under local playing rules.

Suspension of Players

Should a team have a number of players suspended during a match, they shall forfeit the match when such a number reaches that as described above in “Lack of Player Numbers”

Penalties and Results

- Where a match has been abandoned with less than 50% played, each team shall be awarded a 3-3 draw despite any goals already scored or not,
- Where a match has been abandoned when greater than 50% has been played, the score shall stand as indicated at the time of abandonment,
- If a team is unable to field a team prior to the match starting due to lack of numbers or no Goal Keeper (where the rules require one), they shall forfeit the match and the win awarded to the other team at 5 – nil. A team that forfeit shall not be entitled to any points for that match.
- Should a match be abandoned due to excessive players being suspended, or a combination of lack of players and suspensions, that team shall lose the match 5 – nil despite the score at the time of abandonment.