

PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

POLICY ON SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR GOAL KEEPERS

Background

PMHHA Management understands the unique nature of trying to recruit and maintain dedicated goal keepers for teams and the expenses that clubs can face in trying to source and maintain relevant playing equipment. This policy is aimed at permitting dedicated / nominated goal keepers some leeway by allowing them to play as a field player in other teams without affecting their grading or breaching the cross-play rules. For the purpose of this policy; goal keeper is defined as the nominated, graded, dedicated goal keeper for a team. The terms are interchangeable and have the same meaning for the purpose of this policy.

The Policy

- Each team is required to have a nominated goal keeper named in their team list. This goal keeper will also be considered as one of the “graded” players should such rules exist for their grade.
- Nominated goal keepers shall be prevented from cross playing as a goal keeper into another team within their same grade. In this instance, the rules that apply to a field player will also apply to a nominated goal keeper for the purposes of cross playing. Refer the cross-play rules.
- Nominated goalkeepers shall not play down a grade as a goalkeeper, however there is nothing restricting them from playing up a grade – subject to any grading rules that may be in place.
- Nominated goal keepers may play on the field as a regular field player in any of their clubs’ teams, including their nominated team; however they will be subject to the cross play rules and this policy. In order for them to remain the nominated goal keeper, they must have played a majority of games at any given point in time as goal keeper for their nominated team.
- Any regular field player may goal keep in any of their clubs’ teams in any other grade. Field players that wish to goal keep in other grades / teams for their club on a permanent basis are to include their names on that team’s team list as the designated goalkeeper.
- Field players that are required to goal keep on a temporary basis in other grades or teams for their club may do so without seeking permission. These players are to ensure their details are recorded on the match card as a goalkeeper and they don’t breach any cross-playing rules,
- A player that excessively and / or repeatedly “goal keeps temporarily”, in the opinion of PMHHA Management, may be asked to show cause why they should not be considered the nominated goalkeeper for that team and the rules applied to them.
- Nothing in this policy prevents a team from using a field player in place of a goalkeeper as is allowed under the rules of the FIH, subject to local playing rules for each grade.

Penalties and Compliance

PMHHA Management shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this Policy.

- First offence for a club – loss of one (1) competition point against the team in question,
- Second offence for a club – loss of three (3) competition points against the team in question,
- Third offence for a club – loss of six (6) competition points against the team in question and a \$150 fine attributed to the club, payable to the Association within 2 weeks from notification,
- For the fourth or subsequent offences, the matter will be deemed systemic and referred to the Association Vice President for further action,
- Individual players, including captains of teams, may also be subject to disciplinary procedures at the discretion of PMHHA Management.