

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIPS & TRANS-TASMAN SERIES

RULES

Competition Divisions

1.1 The following Divisions will be contested at both Competitions subject to availability of Teams.

Open

Women's

Masters (Open & Women)

Under 21 (Open & Women)

Juniors (Open & Girls) under 21 years

(Open & Girls) under 18 years

1.2 Junior teams will have players who are either under 18 or under 21 years on 1 January of the year of the event.

1.3 Open Masters will have players who are 35 and over on 1 January of the year of the event.

1.4 Women Masters will have players who are over 32 on 1 January of the year of the event. This age to be reviewed for each tournament, and agreed to by participating countries by 30th November in the year prior to the event.

Duration and Competition Format

2.1 The competition is to be conducted within four weeks of the Easter Period.

2.2 The Competition will be conducted over a period of at least three days, following at least four days of training. There will be a further day for social hockey, to share skills and coaching ideas if teams indicate they wish to participate when entering the tournament.

2.3 The Format of the competition will be one or more round robins conducted over three or four days, and finals for those divisions with more than two teams. The number of round robins shall depend on the number of teams in the grade and the target shall be to give each team 6 to 8 games. There shall be no extra time for round-robin games.

2.4 A minimum of two games and a maximum of three games will be contested each day by each team.

2.5 Pool Time. Competing nations will have access to the competition playing area for training as per the following allocations.

Day 1 training time available at the expense of those teams using it.

Day 2 training time available at the expense of those teams using it.

Day 3 one block of two hours per team

Day 4 one block of one hour per team

Day 5 Competition

Day 6 Competition

Day 7 Competition

Day 8 Social day at the expense of those teams attending.

Note 1: ANY ADDITIONAL TRAINING TIMES ARE THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY REQUIRING THE EXTRA TIME.

Note 2: ANY ADDITIONAL COMPETITION DAYS ARE THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST NATION

HOST NATION OBLIGATIONS

General

3.1 The host nation is to notify all visiting nations of competition outlines by no later than November 30th in the preceding year. The outlines will include details of training times.

3.2 The host nation is to liaise with visiting nations with regard to travel, visas and accommodation.

3.3 The host nation to negotiate appropriate accommodation for all nations and to notify of accommodation details.

3.4 To provide and distribute Player/Officials Profiles Sheets for completion by visiting nations by no later than November 30th of the preceding year.

3.5 The host nation is to organise and print the official program booklet including Player/Officials Profiles. Participating countries will purchase at least one booklet per team, plus one. Further copies are to be available for purchase by team members and spectators.

3.6 To provide and distribute the official draw 1 month prior to competition.

Functions

4.1 The host nation is to host a welcome function on the first day training night or when all nations are available

4.2 An opening ceremony is to be held on the pool deck or other suitable venue on the first day of competition prior to the commencement of games.

4.3 Presentation of medallions is to be held at the conclusion of the competition on the pool deck.

4.4 A competition closing function is to be held on the last night of competition at a suitable venue catering for dinner and entertainment, having regard for the possible presence of juniors teams at the competition.

4.5 The player of the series is to be named at this function.

4.6 Host nation to invite relevant dignitaries (e.g., Lord Mayor, Official Sponsors, Government Officials etc.)

Meetings

5.1 The host nation to organise date, time and venue for competition organisers and nation delegates, to meet to discuss future events and to share knowledge. The time and venue is to be advised to participating countries one month before the event.

5.2 The host nation is to organise the date, time and venue for the managers and referees meetings, and notify the competing nations of these at least 1 month prior to the start of the competition.

Costs and Venue Equipment

6.1 To cover pool hire costs (including pool entry) for the competition and two training days as per para 2.5 above, for players and officials.

6.2 To provide medallions gold, silver and bronze. These medals are mandatory.

6.3 The host nation is to provide a fully equipped venue

6.4 Host nation is to supply qualified First Aid personnel.

6.5 Supply 1 competition/training puck per team at the venue.

6.6 To supply pucks to be used during the competition.

6.7 To supply visiting nations with two of the competition pucks three months prior to the competition.

6.8 To supply underwater camera and cameraman for each game, and 2 video machines per game.

Officials

7.1 To supply a Chief Referee for the competition and to notify all competing nations of the appointment of the Chief Referee.

7.2 The Competition Chief Referee is to allocate referees, both in and out of water, for each game and to notify the competing nations 1 month prior to competition.

7.3 The Chief Referee is to ensure for the provision of 1 Chief Referee per game.

7.4 Selection of player of the series is to be co-ordinated by the Chief Referee.

7.5 The host nation is to ensure there is an adequate number of qualified referees for the competition.

7.6 The host nation is to supply 1 In-water Referee per game, subject to neutrality.

7.7 The host nation is to provide timekeepers and scorers for each game.

Host Nation Teams

8.1 The host nation players to have bathers in national colours, which do not look similar to those of any visiting nation. If this is not possible, then the host nation players must have two sets of bathers, one dark and one light.

8.2 Players shall have their cap numbers written on their stick forearm, back and front and stick arm shoulder blade.

VISITING NATION OBLIGATIONS

9.1 Visiting nations to liaise with host nation with regard to travel, visas and accommodation.

9.2 Visiting nations are to each supply at least three qualified referees for the competition. If less than three teams from a nation are competing, then one referee is to be supplied per national team.

9.3 Visiting nations are to notify the host nation of team nominations and referees nominations by no later than February 1st. Visiting nations are to pay a deposit per team (presently \$US500), in the currency of the host nation, by 1st February. The deposit, which is set by nations attending the previous Southern Hemisphere

Championships, will be refunded in full, in cash, to the visiting teams on their arrival.

9.4 Visiting nations to provide Player Profiles to host nation by no later than February 28th.

9.5 Visiting nations are to confirm Player Profiles by no later than two (2) weeks prior to competition.

9.6 Visiting nations are financially responsible, in respect of their teams, for the following:

airfares

accommodation

any training time costs additional to the two training days supplied by the host nation, if required

the social day

functions cost.

official uniform costs

ground transport costs.

9.7 Visiting nations players are to have 1 pair of bathers. Those countries with similar national colour schemes are to liaise prior to finalising their bather selection to ensure that their teams are distinctive in the water. The host country may arbitrate where agreement cannot be reached. Otherwise light and dark coloured bathers will be required as per CMAS rules.

9.8 Players shall have their cap numbers written on their stick forearm, back and front and stick arm shoulder blade.

9.9 Visiting nations are to supply their own blank videos for the video machines.

TROPHY MAINTENANCE

10.1 The country holding a trophy is responsible for presenting it to the organisers of the next event, in good condition. The organisers must formally accept that the trophy is in good condition. The subsequent winner of the trophy may refuse to accept the trophy if it is in poor condition, until the previous holders make the necessary repairs.

CHANGES TO THESE RULES

11.1 THESE RULES MAY BE CHANGED AT A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, OR AT THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

11.2 IN ANY MATTER REQUIRING A VOTE, EACH COUNTRY IS PERMITTED ONE VOTE.

COUNTRY AGREEMENT

We hereby agree to the above conditions governing the running of the Southern Hemisphere Competition and, in the case of NZ and Australia the Trans-Tasman Series competition.

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