

This addendum to the North Area By Laws operate for the 2020 season. They are to be read in conjunction to the North Area By Laws

<p>4.1 Registration fees and registration lists for each team wishing to play in the competition are to be delivered to the Records Officer (or nominee) by the Monday following the third round of the competition and tabled at the next scheduled NA meeting. The lists will include players name and any further details as required by NA.</p> <p>(a) Clubs required to report to NA under 8.3 and 8.4 should incorporate this data with the team lists filed under 4.1</p>	<p>The requirement referenced in 4.1 will be changed to following the second round of the competition.</p>
<p>3.2 (a) The Secretary is to circulate a proposed draw to all Members prior to the Committee’s meeting in March. The proposed draw will include times for games.</p> <p>(b) The draw should be finalised at the March Meeting, subject to 3.2 (c).</p> <p>(c) If the Committee determines to grade teams in any age group into pools, the final draw should be determined as soon as practical after the Committee has determined those pools.</p> <p>(d) The A Pool shall be the top pool in any age group.</p> <p>12.2 The Committee will decide the draw for each pool, including whether or not there will be semi-finals, finals and grand finals.</p>	<p>In 2020 a draw will be released in July 2020.</p> <p>In competition pool of six teams or more, each team will play the other teams in the competition on one occasion. The competition pool will then be split into two groups: 1st to 4th and 5th to 7th and a subsequent iteration of the draw issued. Each group will have matches scheduled internal to the group.</p> <p>See also note on 12.4</p>
<p>12.4 If semi-finals, finals and grand finals are to be played:</p> <p>(a) Semi-final No 1 shall be played between the teams coming first and second in their pool.</p> <p>(b) Semi-final No 2 shall be played between the teams coming third and fourth in their pool.</p> <p>(c) The final shall be between the loser of semi-final No1 and the winner of semi-final No 2.</p> <p>(d) The grand final shall be between the winner of semi-final No1 and the winner of the final.</p>	<p>In 2020 there will be a grand final only, being between teams that finish in positions 1 and 2, following the completion of regular rounds.</p>
<p>7.1 A Club may seek approval from the Committee for an overaged player to play in any team. A written request for approval must be circulated to all Members at least one week prior to the Meeting that will consider the request. The notice must include the player's name, age and experience in hockey.</p> <p>7.2 The Committee reserves the right to grant or refuse approval for any player to play as an overaged player,</p> <p>(a) provided that in all age groups up to and including U15, approval will not be given for any player who is more than 12 months overage, or if it</p>	<p>There is capacity in 2020 for the Committee to provide approval for a greater number of overage players than specified in 7.2</p>

<p>would result in a team having more than two overaged players. If a team has fifteen or more correctly-aged players it will be permitted to have no more than one overaged player.</p> <p>(b) provided that in all age groups over U15, approval will not be given for any player who is more than 12 months overage, or if it would result in a team having more than three overaged players. If a team has fifteen or more correctly-aged players it will be permitted to have no more than two overaged player. In exceptional circumstances for age groups over U15 the Committee will give consideration to requests for players who are more than 12 months overage, or a request from a club to field a team with more than three overaged players.</p>	
<p>12.7 Players must have played five out of the last six matches or 50% of the total competition matches prior to the semi-finals, finals or grand finals to be eligible to play in the semi- finals, finals or grand finals for any team. The Committee may allow exceptions to this rule if players have missed recent games due to illness or injury, or if substitute players are needed because of illness or injury, provided this is deemed to be in the interests of the competition as a whole. In making clearance requests clubs should provide the committee with details of the player’s record, and the number of players available to the relevant team. Clubs are required to verify that players have played five out of the last six matches or 50% of the total games played to qualify for semi-finals, finals and grand finals. The Committee must approve any player playing in two different teams in the same age group in semi-finals, finals or grand finals. Clubs will supply lists of eligible players for participating teams to the Records Officer prior to the playing of semi-finals.</p>	<p>The minimum participation requirement in 12.7 will simply be that players must have played 50% of the total competition matches prior to the grand final to be eligible to play in the grand final for any team. The ability for a club to seek an exemption remains.</p>
<p>2.7 Registration fees for the competition shall be determined by the Committee at the AGM each year.</p>	<p>Noting the circumstances of the 2020 season, and the abbreviated nature of the final series, this addendum provides that a meeting of the Management Committee establishes fees for the 2020 season.</p>