HOCKEY BALLARAT LOCAL BY-LAW ADDENDUM

To be read in conjunction with the Constitution (Rules of the Association).

This addendum was ratified in March 2026 and replaces the 2015 by-laws.

1. Hockey Ballarat Colours

1.1 The Hockey Ballarat Colours shall be Red and White.

2. Administration

2.1 This addendum shall be executed by the Hockey Ballarat Committee. The Hockey Ballarat Committee may, at its discretion, take responsibility for the administration and execution of these rules for a specific case.

2.2 Club delegates will be invited to join the Senior Competition and Junior Competition Committees at the start of each season. The Hockey Ballarat Executive Committee will publish by the end of January each year, a calendar of meetings. Clubs must be advised of any amendments to the calendar with a minimum of 7 days' notice.

2.3 Fees for any Hockey Ballarat competition shall be set by the Hockey Ballarat Committee.

3. Playing Rules, registration of players, teams and clubs, uniforms, playing disputes and penalties

3.1 Hockey Ballarat shall follow the latest Competition Rules, Competition Regulations and Schedules set by Hockey Victoria subject to such additions, alterations and omissions as shall be agreed upon from time to time to suit local conditions. When referring to these documents 'Hockey Victoria' shall be read as 'Hockey Ballarat' insofar as practicable.

3.1.1 Tomahawk shots are not permitted in the junior competitions. A free shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Uniforms: in addition,

3.2 In divisions where association votes are recorded, all team members are to wear uniquely numbered shirts (Goal Keepers excluded).

Registration: Is altered so,

The Hockey Victoria Equal Ranking Grade Priority will be replaced with the following Cross Over rules. The intention is that clubs enter two equal teams.

5.1 “Cross Over” rules - apply only, when a club enters more than one team in the same division of a Hockey Ballarat competition:

5.2 Each team shall provide a list of their top seven players by Round four to Hockey Ballarat for approval.

5.3 Seniors playing at Victorian League level or above are expected to be in the list.

5.4 If the number of Victorian League (or above) players in the team is greater than seven, all Victorian League players are to be named.

5.5 Specialist goal keepers do not need to be named on the list, regardless of their Victorian League status.

5.6 Crossover players – Each team is entitled to play a maximum of two players from the club’s other team in that grade in their particular match in each round.

5.7 An individual player may only “play across” twice in a season.

5.8 If a club is fielding a second team in a competition for the first time, or if the club fielded only one team in the season immediately prior, each team is entitled to play a maximum of three players from the club's other team in that grade four times per season

5.9 Any player on the list of seven provided under clause 5.2 is prohibited from "playing across".

5.10 No player is permitted to "play across" during finals.

5.11 If a club is to enter more than two teams in a given season, the appropriate committee will meet to implement alterations for that specific calendar season.

5.12 Specialist Goal Keepers - Any player so identified is eligible to play two games in the same round (as a Goal Keeper) a maximum of three times during the course of the regular season

5.13 Identification as a specialist Goal Keeper does not preclude such a player taking to the pitch as a field player for their team at any stage during the season.

5.14 When a Club having only one team in a particular grade cannot field 11 players, they may select a maximum of two players from another club, must be from the same or a lower division, to match the number of players on the opposing team, up to 11 players.

5.15 Umpires and the opposing Captain should be notified in a timely manner, a minimum of 5min before the scheduled start of play. Technical Officials should note the time and players involved on the scorecard. This administration should be completed a minimum of 5min before the scheduled start of play and should not interfere with the start of play.

Fixturing, is altered so,

6.1 The Hockey Ballarat Fixture shall, where possible, avoid two teams from one club being scheduled to play each other (a derby) in the final minor round of the season.

6.2 In the event of the Hockey Ballarat Fixture requiring teams to play each other an un-even number of times within one grade, derby games should be the first considered for removal from the fixture.

6.3 Full field junior matches shall consist of two 25 minute halves (2x25).

Fines and Penalty Units: Replace with,

7.1 Hockey Ballarat does not fine its clubs for breaches, rather it works with the club to find a solution. Where rules are breached and a penalty is required, deducting premiership points is seen as the most effective way to bring about a change in behaviour.

8. Inter-Association Games

8.1 Only Hockey Ballarat registered and permit players can represent Hockey Ballarat in Inter Association games.

8.2 Representative teams will be selected by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of those appointed by the Hockey Ballarat Committee.

8.3 Only selected representative teams may use the name “Hockey Ballarat”.

9. Health & Medical Considerations

9.1 Clubs must have and maintain a first aid kit present at regular matches including the Finals series.

9.2 Clubs must nominate a level one qualified first aid officer to be present at regular matches.

10. Changes to or Varying this document

10.1 Applications to vary this Addendum can be lodged in writing to the Hockey Ballarat Committee.

Supporting Notes

Ranking	Hockey Ballarat Grade/ Division	Competition Section	Competition Sub Section
1	Mens 1	Senior	Male
2	Womens 1	Senior	Female
2	Mens 2	Senior	Male
4	U16 Open	Junior	Mixed
5	U14 Open	Junior	Mixed
6	U11 Open	Junior	Mixed