

Summary of Rule Changes adopted 12th March 2024

1.1 Definitions

Deleted Starting 11 Player means any player noted on the Match Card as starting the match in that Round.

(no continuing need to record starting 11)

- 6.4 In matches in Sydney Hockey's top five grades, being PL1-3 and SL 1-2:

DELETED (a) The top 11 listed/graded players in a club's team list as per Rule 5.5 & 5.6, in PL1, PL2 & PL3 cannot play in any grade below for that round;

- 6.4 re numbered

- 6.5 In matches in Sydney Hockey's lowest five grades, being SL3-7:

(a) any player listed/graded in a higher grade can play in his Club's next lowest grade in a Round.

Only one Player from the team above the fourth lowest grade can play in the next lowest graded team for that Club (as per Rule 6.4(c)). **Add- Provided it is no more than two competition grades lower. Eg SL3 to SL6 -No. A player playing down more than 2 grades must apply for permission to the Competition Committee**

12 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS SERIES MATCHES

12.2

- (d) if a player is listed for or plays in two different grades in any round, only the Higher grade match in which the player **participated** ~~Delete was in the starting eleven~~ counts towards finals eligibility; **Add If the number of higher grade matches exceeds 50%, the player will not be eligible for the lower grade finals**

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- (g) Rounds where the team has a bye do not count as potentially eligible matches for finals qualification

12.3 A player who does not qualify for a finals series under Rule 12.2 because he has not played in at least four of the team's last eight matches will still be eligible to play in the finals for that team if:

- (a) the player has played the majority of his matches over that season in that team (based only on matches that count under Rule 12.2 towards finals eligibility) ;
- (b) **Deleted** the player played as an interchange player (as defined by his club) in the higher grade and this is noted on the match card, in which case the lower grade may count instead of the higher grade if that is requested by the club.

Clauses re-numbered

12.7 All requests for permission to play in finals matches must be received no later than 5:00pm on the Monday of the week that the finals commence.

(a) No further supporting information will be accepted for any application no later than 5:00pm on the Monday of the week that the finals commence **Add This may include but is not limited doctors certificates, work schedules, travel itineraries, other necessary supporting proofs**

(b) Late requests may be accepted by the Competition Committee in its absolute discretion.

Add © **requests made without supporting information will be considered incomplete and not evaluated**

© During the season, when known long term injuries may impact on Finals eligibility please advise Sydney Hockey at that time.