

## ***HAW u10s planning meeting***

Present: Jan and Bruce Patterson (Falcons), Glenn Delaney and Sarah (Wodonga), Ian McVea (Beechworth), Daryl Lavis (Magpies), Andrew McMillian (Wombats), Deb Lawrence (BOM)

Apologies: Kylie Heagney (CRU), Norths

This is a discussion in regards to the structure of u10s and how clubs will like to proceed moving in to 2018. This is a successful program that occurs due to club involvement and each year needs to be reviewed to continue evolving, ensuring participation satisfaction and success. Ian McVea will continue as u10s coordinator for HAW with support by BOM competition director Deb Lawrence.

### ***Girls only u10s comp***

- This is a KPI outlined as part of the HV strategic planning for regional centres.
- HAW has strong u10s participation and would like to see at least 4 girls only teams run in 2018 simultaneously with the current u10 program. The girls' only component should also have female coaches as a follow on to the girls only pilot of HIn2H run in 2017.
- To enable the creation of this comp, teams need to have up to 6 players per side. The girls will commence on a quarter field size and aim to be half field games as year progress.
- Depending on participants, girls may play first game time and do skills whilst mixed comp is playing.

All clubs need to review numbers and see if they can run a mixed and girls team or a mixed only side, please notify competition directors and u10s coordinator ASAP.

### ***Mixed comp/current program.***

- Incorporate skills sessions at the start of each game day.
- This will be run in a combined group with all coaches involved working together to encourage interactions outside of club groupings.
- 2 grounds are available maybe spilt session into division base
- Spitfire players will be encouraged to help facilitate some sessions
- With the start of season coinciding with school holidays, the first weekends throughout April will be group based skill sessions, and mini games. Rounds will commence 29th of April
- July school holidays will be only 1 weekend off for u10s being middle of NSW holidays

- 2 separate divisions will run simultaneously based on skill and age of players
- Information announcement will be available on Saturday morning to enable families to know what grounds they will play on.
- Beechworth, Wodonga and Corowa will host u10s at times throughout the season and this will coincide with their club days.
- Depending on numbers of teams the grass field as well as synthetic may be utilised to accommodate games.

### ***Length of games***

- It has been raised that the timing of halves may be too long for the attention span of children.
- It is suggested that planning the games as 10-minute quarters allows coaches to give more feedback and children to have more drink breaks. HAW supports the trial of 10-minute quarters to ensure coaches are able to retain children's attention during games.
- HAW will also review the effects to see if there is a valid purpose to then incorporate the quarters into the U12s program.
- All club affiliates present were supportive of the trialing of quarters for the u10 program during the 2018 season

### ***General***

- Establish a centralised information point every Saturday morning to instruct families and players which ground they will be playing on.
- Encouraging the involvement in the BBQs. Each club will be rostered on to a BBQ day at Albury. Promote this to ensure an inviting u10 community and wider Hockey community to flourish.
- Improve open communication between club coordinators. Ian McVea to look into establishing a WhatsApp/TeamApp/Messenger group for coordinators and coaches to ensure all information is available in a timely fashion.
- Clubs are reminded we commence u10s after the hin2h program and Jade Mann is coordinating that program. Some clubs may be able to pick up players from the hin2h sessions.
- Fee structure is a club-based decision, note the HV affiliation/IMG costing for u10s participants in the outdoor comp is \$43 for season 2018.

Meeting closed 6:15pm.



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## **The final structure for u10s 2018**

Clubs please note that the start time is 9.45am. Please encourage your participating members to be ready to go at that time (drinks, shin pads and mouth guards organised and players/coaches on the field).

9.45 - 10.05: commence skill session.

10.05 - 10.10: break and clubs regroup ready for games as outlined in the u10 draw

10.10 - 10.20: Games commence with quarters and breaks as outlined

10.10 - 10.20: first quarter

10.23 - 10.33 2nd quarter

10.37 - 10.47 3rd quarter

10.50 - 11.00 4th quarter session complete

The girls' only comp may run with game first and then skills session depending on availability of fields.