

HAW LOCAL RULES

GIRLS PLAYING IN THE BOYS COMPETITIONS (U12, U14 & U16s)

For clubs wishing to play girls in the under 14 & under 16 Boys Competitions the following guidelines apply:

1. Clubs are encouraged to use boys from a lower division in preference to girls.
2. All available boys are to be used in the match. No boys are to be on the interchange bench while a girl is on the field unless the boy is injured and unable to take any part in that half of hockey. During half time an injured junior can be reassessed for the 2nd half of play.
3. Girls cannot be used as a substitute to rest a boy without permission from the opposition.
4. Girls can only interchange with girls. Girls may be on the bench if a team has 11 boys as a substitute but cannot take the field unless a boy is injured and unable to go back on. During half time an injured junior boy can be reassessed for the 2nd half of play.
5. A maximum of five (5) girls can be used in any boys match unless the team has an approved permit for more.
6. B&F votes cannot be awarded to a girl in a boy's competition.
7. HAW recommends that all girls playing in a boy's competition as an asterisk player lodge a parental consent form with the HAW office.
8. Players who have applied for a permit with HAW will be listed on the HAW web page.

Exception to the above

A girl can only play in a boy's competition as their primary nominated team with an approved permit, issued by the HAW permits committee. This would occur if a club does not have a girls team in an specific age group, but has a boys team (usually with limited numbers) in that age group. Clubs can lodge a permit application for these players to be part of the boys team in their age group for the year. Girls who have a permit to play in a boys team

- a. Can receive Best and Fairest votes as this is their age group
- b. Are not required to stand off during the match.
- c. If these girls then play any other game, they are to be an asterisk player in that game.
- d. Any girls playing in a boy's competition as their primary nominated team must lodge a parental consent form with the HAW office.