

## RETURN TO TRAINING - FRAMEWORK AND PROPOSED SEASON FAQS

### TRAINING FAQS

- **Could a coach take two x one hour sessions on different days?** Individuals can be involved with different sessions on different days. They cannot be involved with two sessions in any one day.
- **To maximize the amount of players (up to 10) on the field, can the coach or team official coach from the sidelines or behind the goals?** No. They would be treated as spectators which are not permitted and be asked to leave. Everyone involved in the session should be on the field of play.
- **Is the 1 hour training all a club will be allocated or will they receive a second session - i.e. 1 for CL1, 1 for CL2?** To start we will be allocating each CL1 & CL2 a training time for the weeks commencing 25 May and 1 June. After this we intend to go back to the original training allocation. This will be up to teams as to how they use these sessions.
- **Considering there is now a maximum level of participants for training, will HACT reduce field hour costs during this time?** For the next two weeks sessions will be reduced to \$105 full field per hour. Hopefully if everything goes well after this two week period we will be in a position to move to 4 x groups of 10 per field. Under this situation normal training rates will apply. There may be some reductions in place for clubs that choose to train at Tuggeranong to help ease the burden of training at Lyneham for this season. Groups of 20 will hopefully open up mid-June if everything goes well.
- **Can bibs be used if we allocate them to players and not shared during sessions?** No. Bibs are not permitted. Individuals will need to be responsible to bring their own training tops.
- **Could the official HACT sign on (attendance) sheet be a google form?** We are working at combining them into Rev Sport but for the time being they will be simple word/excel forms.
- **Can we divide fields into quarters for junior training given school has all but resumed as per normal?** We are hoping that come 8 June we would be able to lift the group numbers from 2 to 4. This would see a group on each quarter of the field.
- **On the training allocation why are CL1 and CL2 Men training on different nights. Is it possible to have them training on the same night?** Hockey ACT have deliberately separated the training for the CL 1&2 Men and CL 1&2 Women. This is to allow those who may cross between teams to participate in both sessions if required. An individual isn't allowed to train with different groups on the same night. They can however train with another group on a different night.

- **Who will be in charge of the managing the end of training between sessions? Who will manage the changeover for teams?** Hockey ACT will assist in the initial 4 weeks of training with this process through PA announcements and have Facility Supervisors in place. Ultimately however we will require assistance from participants and clubs to follow instructions and leave the field immediately when training is finished to allow the next team to enter the field of play and avoid the groups crossing over.
- **Will clubs retain their training nights as the season progresses? What will happen with previously agreed training allocations for clubs?** Week commencing 8 June Hockey ACT intends to return to the normal training allocation and will continue with that until the season commences where changes will be required to cater for competition. At this point we intend to open up training for all grades both senior and junior however it will be the clubs responsibility to ensure that all protocols are being followed.
- **With the U18/1 running on Thursday evenings and Social Comp on Friday evenings, will clubs lose that night of training?** This will remove Clubs ability to train for a specific period on certain pitches at Lyneham on Thursday and/or Friday evenings. Hockey ACT has additional capacity at Tuggeranong and clubs need to consider training at Tuggeranong as an alternative.
- **Will be clubs be able to train later in the evening?** Yes. Hockey ACT doesn't have restrictions in place. Teams can train up to 11pm however particularly across winter this brings in other issues with weather and participants desire to train so late.

## COMPETITION FAQs

- **What flexibility will HACT have around a players movement between grades?** There will be additional flexibility allowable this season. It is a conversation item for this evening as to what our intentions are for this season.
- **Can teams be entered late, or withdrawn without penalty if there are significant availability issues?** We are going to leave nominations as late as we possibly can to assist clubs get started again. Withdrawal penalties are something I don't have an answer on at this stage but will endeavour to have an answer to that question in the coming days.
- **When can we share proposed dates with the wider club? Note: we would be looking to send out a survey to our club as soon as possible to get an idea of numbers for training and competition teams, and to find out how many students may/may not be back in Canberra and if there are any other strong opinions from members?** After tonight's meeting we will set a timeline. However if the plan is approved then information can particularly start being shared either this evening or tomorrow at the latest.

- **A lot of juniors play summer sports and will either not register for hockey if the revised season runs too deep into the year or will elect not to play the final rounds if there is a conflict. Is it better to have the junior comp end in line with the end of school term 3?** We are going to see a delay in summer sports commencing with winter sports being given additional time to complete a season. We think the grand final week at worst will be the only cross over date with major summer sports. Obviously sports that run their own facilities may start earlier but this will be minimal and they will be running the risk of commencing while winter sports are still operating. The Government are helping us with this through sports ground bookings.
- **A similar sentiment to the above for the seniors with any senior comp to finish up mid-October at the latest?** Certainly something that is open for discussion this evening.
- **Can the seniors start earlier than 10 July?** Not at this stage. We are confident that the 17 July we will be free to start. I am uncertain if we will be able to start on the 10<sup>th</sup> but we are trying. This is out of our control at this stage.
- **Both seniors and juniors will become unavailable later in the year therefore impacting the ability to field teams (U18's in particular with many juniors trying to balance school exams with hockey etc).** As above. Summer sport delays, school exams are being delayed. These are individual decisions but we are relying upon survey data to guide this. The decision may very well be to shorten the season and we are open to it. The dates proposed are what we require to run a full season. We may be able to do that by reducing training and playing additional matches' mid-week or by shortening the season.
- **What impacts on indoor are likely given the revised season is earmarked to run deep into the year?** Junior indoor would be scheduled to commence in November. Senior indoor to run December –March. This would be confirmed once we have locked down the winter season dates.
- **What is the rationale behind no semi-finals for Juniors?** Hockey ACT has a desire to maximize participation for the whole of competition. In the junior competition in particular playing rounds over semi-finals was preferred.
- **Will there be concessions in place this year to allow for greater of movement of players to enable clubs to field teams when required?** Yes. HACT will work with clubs to enable them greater flexibility with player movement to field sides each week. HACT will consult all clubs with those changes prior to nominations falling due.
- **Will Juniors still play on the same day as they did last year?** At this stage the only changes to the junior competition would be U18/1 to Thursday evening.
- **What timeframe will clubs be given to organise teams before the draws are required?** HACT does not intend to close off nominations until 2 weeks prior to the first match of the season but clubs and participants will need to understand that the full draw will not be finalized prior to the season commencing.

- **Will HACT develop an extreme weather/heat policy for games played during the later months of the year?** Hockey ACT has an extreme heat policy in place and will look at additional preventative measures to assist players with warmer temperatures during the season.
- **What is going to happen with Indoor? Will it be postponed / cancelled / moved?** Once the winter season dates are locked in it is our intention to finalise the indoor season. It is more than likely that a full indoor season will be offered for all grades however indoor may run later in March than it has done previously.

## FACILITY FAQs

- **Comment: The cleaning frequency seems minimal considering most offices are being cleaned every day.** Office spaces being indoors makes them higher priority cleaning areas. All of our indoor spaces will be cleaned daily and spot checks continued during sessions. We are comfortable with the level of cleaning. A full facility clean is a large undertaking and simply not financially feasible to be conducted every day especially given most of the facility will be locked down.