

## **IHA CLUB COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY RULES**

### **I GENERAL**

- 1.1. No player may play for more than one club in IHA Competition in one season (except for indoor hockey – please refer to specific indoor hockey rules)
- 1.2. Every member of each competing team must be a bona fide member of the club, i.e. registered with their branch in the current season
- 1.3. **In order to be allowed play for a club in IHA Competitions** every bona fide member of a club wishing to play in an IHA Competition must have played for their club by December 1<sup>st</sup> in the current season or have been a full registered playing member in the preceding season.
- 1.4. Any new members to a club wishing to play in any IHA competition must have played for the club prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> in the current season
- 1.5. In the event of an exceptional circumstance clubs must write to the Irish Hockey Association for consideration to be given to an exemption. Exemptions will only be considered in cases of genuine error leading to a delayed registration or in the case of injury preventing play, with satisfactory medical evidence being furnished to the Management Board of the IHA.
- 1.6. Players must be registered on IHA Link to their club to play in any IHA Club Competition (refer to IHA Player Registration Rules for further details).
- 1.7. No current international (as defined by Senior National Coach) may play for a team lower than the club 1<sup>st</sup> XI in IHA Club Competition.
- 1.8. The IHA Competitions Working Group shall have the right to restrict a player from playing below their Clubs' 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

### **2 AGE LIMIT**

- 2.1. No player may play in an IHA Competition until they attain their 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- 2.2. If the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs after 31<sup>st</sup> December, the club must write to the IHA to seek confirmation to play in an IHA Competition, if the player has not played for the club due to an age restriction.

### **3 EUROPEAN COMPETITION & REPRESENTATION**

- 3.1. No player may play in European Qualifying Competitions in Ireland and outside of Ireland in the same season.
- 3.2. The Winner of the Irish Hockey League shall represent Ireland in Europe in the following year. In the event of two places being available to Ireland the second position shall be taken up by the winner of the Irish Senior Cup; where the same team wins both the Irish Hockey League and the Irish Senior Cup the second position in Europe will go to the Irish Hockey League Runner Up.
- 3.3. Where a prize fund is made available for Senior Club Competitions in the year of competition, the prize fund will be split equally between the 4 representatives who will represent Ireland in the Euro Club Competitions in the following season. The representatives are determined by 3.3 above.