

NHHA Youth Grade Summer Hockey Competition 2025

YOUTH GRADE RULES & REGULATIONS

- Players are to be current Year 7 – Year 10 inclusive.
- Grades: *the below are only guidelines for grade descriptions for Clubs and Clubs can create teams as they wish.*
 - A Grade: Experienced.
 - Targeted to experienced and older participants.
 - Participants who may have been involved with the U16 Harbour programs or Winter Club hockey in higher grades.
 - This grade emphasizes a competitive game and acknowledges that most of these participants will already be playing Winter Club hockey.
 - This grade can only have one adult participant on the turf.
 - B Grade: Intermediate.
 - Participants who have played Youth Grade previously.
 - Years 9 and 10 who play for their school teams and with an emphasis on getting these participants into Club hockey (usually in lower grades).
 - You may want to consider participants who have played in strong Intermediate teams to play here.
 - This grade can have up to two adult participants on the turf.
 - C Grade: Beginners.
 - Targeted to participants who have never played hockey or have not played Youth Grade/Club Hockey before.
 - Emphasis on learning to play full field, getting participants to continue to play hockey for their Colleges and/or Clubs.
 - This grade can have up to two adult participants on the turf.
- Adult players/participants are to uphold the spirit of this competition, which is to guide and encourage the players and not have a significant impact on the outcome of the game. NHHA has the right to remove any adult player/ participant from the competition if it is deemed they have broken the spirit and intention of this competition.
 - **Please see Adult Participants Guidelines/Code of Conduct. This can be found on the NHHA website.**
 - Adult players must be 18+ but are not required to be registered.
 - A grade - one adult participant on the turf.
 - B Grade - up to two adult participants on the turf
 - C Grade - up to two adult participants on the turf
 - A maximum of one adult player can be in the defensive circle at any time.
 - This adult player must not remain stationary within the circle for more than 3 seconds. *This rule intends to stop adult goaltending.
 - No Adult player may be in the attacking circle at any time.
 - Male and Female adults are not restricted to playing within their genders, players may take the field for both the boy's and girl's grades.

- Any player may play in a team higher but not lower than the one in which he/she is registered.
 - If required C Grade (being the lowest grade) can pull players down from B Grade.
 - Players playing down should be near the C grade level,
 - Should not be playing up to A grade, and
 - Must play within the spirit of the competition at C grade level.
- Male and Female Goalkeepers are not restricted to playing within their genders.
- In the case of No GK, teams must discuss before the game starts as to how PC's will be played out. Once agreed, the umpire must be informed.
 - Options to be considered:
 - Adult players are to wear a Helmet
 - Youth player to wear Helmet
 - No lifting/no hitting
- The game duration will be 15-minute quarters (2-minute break and 3-minute half time).
 - The game duration may be adjusted depending on turf availability this will be communicated to clubs once entries are confirmed and before the start of the season.
- NHHA will endeavor to appoint umpires to the Youth Grade Competition. Umpire fees will be invoiced monthly.
- Teams must be outfitted in uniforms of the same colour, e.g. Shirts & Socks.
- SH Competitions Terms and Conditions: See appendix 1

Appendix 1:

Terms and Conditions.

By completing this form and entering a team, you do so in full agreement with Harbour Hockey's SH competition Terms and Conditions.

COMPETITION FEES:

Competition fees must be paid in full on Entry or alternatively there is an option of a payment plan.

Team representative (person entering the team) has full responsibility to ensure that the total fees are PAID on time. If Fees are not paid in full NHHA reserve the right to remove said team from the competition.

REFUNDS

In the event a competition must be postponed and or cancelled due to circumstances outside of NHHA control, the below refund policy applies:

NHHA will endeavour to provide additional opportunities before refunds. Where this cannot be achieved the following refunds will be offered.

NHHA will apply the following refunds to Teams should a competition in part or full be cancelled.

Adult Summer Hockey (7aside & 9 aside):

1. **NHHA Subscription Fees**—covers all administration related to the delivery of the competition
 - 60 % of the NHHA subscription fee is non-refundable on entry, the remaining 40% will be pro-rated across the full competition period.
2. **Turf Game Fees**—turf component calculated by game
 - You will be invoiced upfront for all games. In the event that games are cancelled you will be refunded for the number of games that were not played.
3. **Umpires Fees**—umpire fees calculated by game
 - You will be invoiced upfront for all games. In the event that games are cancelled you will be refunded for the number of games that were not played.

ADMINISTRATION OF REFUNDS

Under this policy NHHA will make the refund to the registered team representative. NHHA is refunding to a team representative and as such takes no responsibility for how the refund is treated and applied by those teams in-regards to their team members.