



# MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB



## – SELECTION AND PLAYER COMMITMENT POLICY –

At the Macquarie University Men's Hockey Club, selection is a process that aims to give us the best representation on the field each weekend for the entire club. In order to do this the following selection process, training requirements and player code of conduct will be adhered to for season 2002.

### SELECTION PANEL

A selection panel has the responsibility for the selection of teams each week. The selection panel consists of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade coaches plus one member of the coaching committee.

Any player that seeks clarification about a selection issue should in the first instance speak with the coach and/or the selection panel.

### SELECTION GRIEVANCES

Any player with a grievance concerning a selection issue not adequately resolved upon first approaching the Coach, should discuss the matter with the Club Captain. The Club Captain will then investigate the grievance.

### TEAM SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provisional teams for the following round are announced on Wednesday night before the commencement of training.

### TRAINING

- Training is the key to the success of any team. At Macquarie University we place the highest importance on attendance and effort at training. All players are expected to attend all training sessions and are expected to train at the highest level of interest and effort.
- Players **MUST** train in the team in which they have been selected. Once the provisional teams are announced, players will train with the teams in which they will be playing on the following weekend.
- The Club is committed to a “No train, No excuse, No game” policy. Players that are unable to train for a particular reason should inform their coach prior to the training session. Every player will be issued with all of the appropriate numbers to contact their coaching staff.
- Each “non attendance” at training will be dealt with on its merits as specified below.

## NON ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING

1. **Work Commitments** – No penalty will be imposed if a player has to work on a training night, IF they notify their coach prior to training. Players who have permanent work commitments on training nights should discuss their situation with the coaching staff. This situation will most likely result in the player in question not playing 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Their presence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team would also be in doubt as training attendance at both training nights is critical for both our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade squads to compete at the highest level.
2. **During Uni. Holidays** – Players who reside more than 2 hours drive from University must inform the coach of their availability to train with the team during the holidays. If the player expects to play a particular grade (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>) they must attend AS A MINIMUM the Wednesday night training session. Each case will also be assessed by the coach on its merits.
3. **Injury** – The player must inform the coaching staff of any injuries sustained during or after a game. Based on the severity, longevity and coaches' requirements for the player, attendance at training will usually be required while injured. The coach shall have the final say on all injury matters. Injured players are part of the team and should demonstrate this by being available to attend training as required by the coaching staff.
4. **Social / Other** – These will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and must be discussed with the coach at least TWO WEEKS prior to the event. Failure to give adequate notification and if not deemed as a SPECIAL EVENT then the player will be dropped from the team and re-instated at the coaches discretion.
5. **Without Notification** – Non-attendance at both training sessions during the week WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION to the coach will result in AN IMMEDIATE ONE-WEEK SUSPENSION. A player will only be considered for re-instatement to the squad after discussions with the coaching staff. TWO INCIDENCES of un-announced absence from both training sessions will result IN PERMENANT NON SELECTION in that grade or any grade higher for the duration of the season. Continued NON ATTENDANCE at any level will result in the player being expelled from the playing ranks of the club.

## NON ATTENDANCE AT GAMES

Players who are unable to play in any fixture during the year and require "time off" for whatever reason (i.e. representative commitments, weddings, trips, birthdays etc) MUST inform the coach prior to the commencement of the season. Failure to give adequate notice will result in the player being dropped from the squad for a length of time and at the coaches' discretion

Players who have commitments that come up in a shorter time frame (eg: work trips) should discuss the situation with the coaching staff immediately upon finding out that they will be unavailable for a particular fixture. These will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

**ON & OFF FIELD PLAYER CONDUCT**

The Macquarie University Men's Hockey Club will not tolerate inappropriate and unsportsmanlike conduct, on or off the field. Every member of the Macquarie University Men's Hockey Club is a representative of the club ON AND OFF THE FIELD. The Club will reprimand players not conducting themselves in an appropriate manner.

**UMPIRE ABUSE**

The Club will simply not tolerate any abuse of umpires either on or off the field and in season 2002, we are actively working to eliminate it on and off the field.

- On Field – any player abusing the umpires in a match and being sent from the field will be given an immediate (minimum) one-match demotion to a lower grade.
- Off Field – any player who is responsible for the abuse of an umpire or other inappropriate, hateful or distasteful behaviour will be brought before the Committee and dealt with appropriately.

**ROSTERED MATCH DAY DUTIES**

All members of Macquarie University Men's Hockey Club are expected to completely fulfil their rostered duties (i.e. the whole day). The rostered duties are required to organise teams on match days (including umpiring, organising ball-boys, completion of cards, etc) and are necessary to ensure the success of the Club. Failure to attend to duties or to organise a replacement will result in a one-week demotion. Any further disregard for roster duties will be dealt with by the Club's Committee on a case-by-case basis.

**CLUB EXPECTATIONS OF ALL PLAYERS**

The success of the Club on the field is built on the foundation of players in all grades playing to the best of their ability, pushing other players to also perform to the best of their ability. This will only occur when a true competitive spirit for positions exists across all grades.

Players must realise that their individual wants and needs are secondary to the needs of the CLUB. No person is bigger than the club and anyone who does not wish to follow the rules, selection policies and training requirements of the club are encouraged to find a club more tolerant of their attitude.

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 ✂ PLEASE SIGN, TEAR OFF & RETURN TO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ✂

**PLAYER COMMITMENT**

As a hockey player representing the Macquarie University Men's Hockey Club, I am willing to abide by the playing requirements as described in this document. I have read and understood all of the conditions of this commitment and I am willing to abide by them for the 2002 season.

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