



Brisbane Hockey Association Inc

AFFILIATED WITH HOCKEY QUEENSLAND INC

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Mid-week Open Competition Proposal

A quote from the "Objects of the Association" in the Association's Constitution:

". . . to promote the enjoyment and recreation of members through the game of hockey; to enhance the community environment through provision of opportunities for people to participate in a team sport . . ."

Proposal: **Mid -week competition**

Division: **BHL6**

Number of Teams: **6** (initially)

Grading: **Open - Senior Men**

When: **Tuesday nights**

Venue: The venue that is not used by Veterans

Times: **7:00pm; 8:20pm; 9:40pm**

The BHA Senior Men's competition played on the artificial surfaces has been continuing to grow. Over the last ten years, every few years has seen another division added – currently Brisbane Hockey League (BHL) 1 – 5. Some of this growth has been at the expense of Classic Hockey League (CHL), the natural grass competition. However many players have also come from the junior divisions, and from inter-state and intra-state. Still some have returned to Hockey, having previously played.

For some time there have been background discussions within the Association regarding the possibility of a mid-week Senior Men's competition. There have been several reasons for this bandied about. Among them are:

- Follow the successful examples of Touch Football, Futsal, Indoor Cricket, Indoor Hockey and Field Hockey in other Capital Cities, by having mid-week competitions available. Currently in Brisbane only O40's have this option.
- Provide a viable opportunity for players who are unable to participate in Fixtures on week-ends, a concept that has proven successful for the Veterans Competition.
- Provide an opportunity for some of the more experienced players to play with, and pass on valuable experience to, our younger players.
- It would assist the Association (i.e. the Clubs) to manage and share the days of the week and the timeslots in a more equitable and progressive way in order to grow all sections of our sport.

One of the big attractions of our sport is that we play with a predominantly unmodified set of rules from age 6 to 60, both males and females. Shouldn't we be making better use of that fact by providing more options and opportunities for our members?

Let's have some healthy discussion on this matter!

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