



## **Amended Memorandum of Understanding between Adelaide Hills Hockey Club and Forestville Hockey Club regarding shared players and combined teams.**

### **Background**

In 2014 AHHC and FHC began an informal arrangement to enter combined teams in junior grades above Under 11. These teams have played as Forest Hills in Under 14 and under 18 grades in 2015 to 2017. The arrangement between these clubs has evolved as junior players have progressed to seniors and the Memorandum of Understanding was amended in 2017 to accurately reflect the current arrangements. This update in 2018 is due to the fact that there will be a Forest Hills team nominated in Under 15 Boys this year that is a majority of AHHC players rather than Forestville players and hence will wear the AHHC uniform and train with Hills. This requires some amendments to be made to the MOU.

The principles behind the agreement are as follows:

- To enable juniors to play in teams of their own gender
- To enable juniors to play in teams appropriate to their age
- To combine resources for player, coach and umpire development
- To provide opportunities for AHHC juniors to play in senior teams at a higher level than available at AHHC, enabling potential entrance to FHC Premier League teams.
- To provide opportunities for all players to play in senior teams appropriate to their skill level

### **Forest Hills Junior teams**

Combined junior teams that were first registered by AHHC and Forestville in 2014 will continue for as long as they benefit the members of each club. These teams will be known as Forest Hills. Both clubs agree that:

1. The junior coordinators of each club will liaise at the start of each year to determine the teams to be nominated.
2. All players will register with their primary club, being their club of origin.
3. Players will pay registration fees to their primary club.

4. If necessary the clubs will negotiate an appropriate fee structure to avoid players from one club registering for the other to get cheaper fees.
5. Each club will offer consistent fee reductions for coaches to encourage coaches from both clubs to take on coaching responsibility.
6. The primary club is responsible for the affiliation fee for their club
7. The club with the majority of players in each team will be responsible for team registration with Hockey SA and for the initial payment of the team nomination fee, match fees, forfeit fees and any fines.
8. The other club will then reimburse the nominating club, on a pro rata basis of the number of their players in each team, for the team nomination, pitch hire training costs and any other costs as agreed between the clubs. The nominating club will invoice the other club for their share of costs at the end of the season.
9. In 2014 FHC purchased FHC uniform tops that were loaned to AHHC players. AHHC is responsible for the management of these uniforms. However, the longer term assumption is that AHHC players will purchase FHC uniforms to play in Forest Hills teams. If FHC players are playing in AHHC nominated teams then they will be provided with loan tops, as are all junior AHHC players.

#### **Members playing Seniors for their non-primary club**

Each club's preference is for members to play seniors at their primary club. However, we recognise that their primary club may not have a team in a division appropriate to the skill levels of each player. In particular we want to provide an avenue for AHHC members who aspire to play Premier League/Metro 1 to have this opportunity. Both clubs agree that a member from one club may play Seniors for the other club subject to the following conditions:

1. No juniors will play seniors for either club without the agreement of the player, their parents and the relevant coaches.
2. Members can only play in senior grades not available in their primary club.
3. Juniors playing seniors at the second club should still coach/umpire for their primary club, providing that club offers a team at an appropriate level for their coaching/umpiring aspirations and qualifications. However, this does not negate any umpiring responsibilities allocated to a junior player as part of their senior team commitments at either club.
4. The clubs may agree to vary these arrangements on a case by case basis, provided there is mutual agreement and it is consistent with Hockey SA rules.

### Ancillary matters

1. Dual registration forms will be submitted to Hockey SA at the start of the season for all Forest Hills junior players and for all junior players intending to play in senior grades for their non-primary club. Additional dual registration forms may be submitted during the season for a new player.
2. The primary club is responsible for any financial and disciplinary matters that may arise with their members.
3. In the event of any injury to a player whilst participating in training or a match for the second club, that club will be responsible for following any applicable procedure as outlined in the Hockey SA Rules. They will also be required to notify the primary club secretary and include the primary club in all correspondence relating to the injury.
4. Players are only eligible for club awards from their primary club (e.g. Most improved junior player). Eligibility for team playing awards (e.g. best and fairest in a team) is at each club's discretion (for juniors to date in Forest Hills teams the playing awards have been made regardless of primary club).

This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated as necessary.



President, Adelaide Hills Hockey Club

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President, Forestville Hockey Club

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