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Masters Matters

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Committee Report: Many thanks to Dan Hill and Tony Jones for the following:

The newly elected Committee held its first meeting on 26th July. Matters discussed included:

1. PHS availability/future turf planning for when the redevelopment gets underway. The working group led by Colin Howell has met with HockeyWA and has initiated discussions with other venues. The advice from HockeyWA is that they are in the very early planning stage and nothing of substance will occur until well after the Paris Olympics in mid-2024. Early days but good that we are on to looking at options sooner rather than later!
2. Given the impact of the Masters Nationals in Perth, we will have a general bye for all divisions on Wednesday 27th September and 4th October. Options for normal fixtures on Wednesday 20th September are being investigated. Further announcement to follow.
3. Following referral from the AGM a small working group of Steve Farrar, Colin Howell and Russell Wood has been formed to review our membership categories/fees structure and to develop recommendations for the Committee to consider.
4. Gala Day 2023. A working group led by Tony Jones and Dan Hill will commence planning the event for later in the year. We will need volunteers so if you have been involved in the past, please contact TJ or Dan. Otherwise be ready to be tapped on the shoulder!
5. Dan Hill is initiating a review of our various policies with the aim to bring them together and make them easily accessible for members.
6. The Rule changes adopted at the AGM have been certified by Consumer Affairs and the updated copy is available on the [website](#)

The next Committee meeting will be held in mid to late October. If you have any matters to raise, please direct them through the Secretary danhill@iinet.net.au or any of the Committee members. Your WHM Committee is:

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Dates For The Diary:**2023** Masters Interstate Championships for Men and Women. Home State WA.

September 21st to 30th: Women.]	
September 23rd to October 1st: Men O/34, O/40, O/45.]	<i>Venues to be confirmed</i>
September 28th to October 7th: Men O/50 plus.]	<i>PHS is primary location</i>
October 14th: Saturday Hockey AGM and end of winter season dinner.		Herdsmen's Hotel.
November 20th to 26th: Asian Continental Cup. Hong Kong.		

2024 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men. Home State Tasmania.

October 12th to 21st: World Cup M O/65 to O/80. Capetown. Plus Spirit Of Masters.

November 7th to 16th: World Cup M O/50, O/55 and O/60. Auckland. Plus Spirit Of Masters.

Vale Neil Mannolini - A Personal Tribute: It was with much sadness that I heard of Neil's death on July 10th. The family notice in The West Australian indicates that he was born in Wiluna in 1932 and that was where my own parents met. If he went to a government school there he could have been taught by my mother. He played hockey for S.I.C (St Idelphonsus College) which later on combined with Marist College in Perth to form the Newman Hockey Club and became a Life Member.

I first heard of him when he began editing the Hockey Bulletin in the 1980s and requested that clubs send him copies of their newsletters. As a result quite a few stories from my Scarborough publication ('Lightning Flashes') gained a much wider circulation. He did such a great job with the Bulletin that his time in the role was extensive. After retiring from work he took on a management role at Perth Hockey Stadium for a number of years.

When I became clubless as far as a Saturday afternoon game was concerned; thanks to the late Roger MacLiver I ended up in a Vets F side at what used to be Bassendean. The F Division was very much mainly for older players and most of my team were in their 50s. Neil was in the C Division side when I began but joined us (while in his 60s) for a year in which we won the Challenge Cup, the Guth Ardagh pennant and the grand final. We played in the same side until we managed to get an O/50 team going. Neil always could hit a ball and was known to describe himself in print as "... an Italian peasant still stroking the ball sweetly." It was a pleasure to play with him.

He was still playing on Wednesdays when I joined in 2006 and after retiring gave us full time umpiring. This role was very important to him and umpiring and umpires were deservedly given much prominence in the Bulletin under his editing.

It has been quite difficult to find information on Neil. John Sanders says: "The fact that we don't have much information indicates the quiet achiever for the game that he was." Neil's company was greatly enjoyed by all who knew him and he has been very much missed since his health caught up with him. Our condolences to all his family.

Department of Health: Ken Beer is having ongoing problems with an Achilles tendon and has now consulted a sporting injury specialist. He will be wearing a CAM walker for a month (CAM = Controlled Ankle Motion) and go on to a few months of physio. Ken says he's unlikely to play again this year. He joins a list of long term absentees from the A Division Blue side which also includes Les Waldon (wrist still sore), John Jeffreys, Colin Sanders (sailing) and Ian Hill who had another cardioversion recently for his atrial fibrillation. David Horsley made it back to the turf again but was a spectator on August 2nd. Hector D'Rozario is still missing hockey with an ongoing problem shoulder. Jim Malcolm has been through a recent heart attack but thanks to seeking prompt medical attention now has had a stent inserted. Bruce Mercer is still running his pacemaker in and will not be playing again until after the tournament. In late news Eric Alcock's recovery from an ankle fusion is on track. Neil Scaddan is considering shoulder surgery. And in better news Bob Claxton and Len Walker are playing again. Best wishes from MM to all, including those we do not know of, for a rapid and complete recovery.

State Teams Pre-tournament: Thank you to George Bradbury for the following:

The WA over 80's squad plans to play as a team in the A division on the following dates.

August 23rd and 30th and September 6th and 13th.

WA Country may choose to play as a group on these days as well.

(To be confirmed).

No change to the schedule is needed to enable this. WA will play the 'gold schedule' on these days.

Should WA Country choose to use the opportunity they could play the 'white schedule'.

Players not scheduled on will be allocated to the other teams to ensure as little disruption to the competition as possible whilst giving the representative teams practice before the Nationals.

Grumpy Old Men And Women One: "A committee can make a decision that is dumber than any of its members." *David Coblitz - further details on the source of this quote are not known. Ed.*

Department of Health (Part Two): It is with much regret that we inform readers that Peter (Arch) Andrews has now retired from all forms of hockey. I have enjoyed the pleasure of being a team mate several times during our stint in Western Hockey Masters. Many thanks Arch - you'll be missed. Hope we still see you occasionally on both Wednesdays and Saturdays at Perry Lakes.

Raffle Update: The year is managing to achieve a good spread of winners and is thus encouraging our members to find the cash for a weekly ticket. The multiple winners in the first quarter were Bill Campbell, Graham Harper, Leo Welten & Hector D'Rozario who all won twice. To redress the balance all were unsuccessful in the second quarter when the multiple winners were Dudley Evans (3), Ian Hill (2) and Frank Williams (2). Dudley has already had another win in Quarter Three, making him a runaway leader on the 2023 scoreboard. It seems that Dry July has had no impact on our fundraiser for charity and I urge members to give it their support.

Letters To The Editor: Many thanks to Jim Banks who let me know about a proposed new rule for penalty corners. The details of this can be found on Pages 7, and 9. We do not yet know whether Hockey WA will decide to implement it during the current season. Nor do we know if it is due to apply during our tournament. MM's limericist says:

This month hardly anyone wrote
There wasn't a word we could quote
We have to give thanks
To State coach Jim Banks
Who sent us a hockey rules note.

Department of Corrections: The A Division report for 21st June claimed that Ham D'Souza managed to achieve a "hat truck." The reporter meant that he'd scored 3 goals; not that he'd had to travel to New Zealand. No other errors have been pointed out by either our eagle-eyed readers or the editor.

Player Birthdays: If you do not want to have your birthday included in Masters Matters then please contact the editor at the email address johnmercercer@iinet.net.au.

Please let me (and Colin Gee) know if there are any errors or misspellings. We stress again that there is no compunction to buy drinks for the bar on either a Wednesday or a Saturday.

Happy August birthdays to all the following:

A Division: 10th Robin Bailey (1943) 13th John Jeffreys (1944) 16th Peter Murray (1943) 17th KY Lee (1949) 19th Mal Horrigan (1946) 30th Steve McEntee (1953).

B Division: 2nd Len Blyth (1944) 8th Stefan Olejko (1953) 13th Jim Campbell (1951) 23rd Simon Thomson (1946) 25th Keith Platel (1949) 29th Robert Woodrow (1949).

C Division: 9th Peter Kontor (1956) 12th Phil Wilson (1953) 24th Stephen Adams (1958) 27th Graham Harper (1956), Graham Newson (1957) 28th John Rogers (1956).

D Division: 4th Gurmeet Singh (1964) 12th Stuart Campbell (1966) 15th John McGuckin (1961) 17th Norm Morrison (1959) 21st Bryan Fernandes (1960) 26th David Mountain (1963).

Non Playing: 2nd Peter Andrews (1946) 8th Brian Soares (1944) 12th Alan Bryce (1945) 27th Ian Brown (1950) 28th Phillip Chalmer (1953).

Saturday: 10th Marty Greay (1941) 20th Paul Robinson (1941) 28th Colin Benporath (1944).

I hope that you're named in the correct WHM Division. To try and make sure everybody has been included I have used the online membership register, mostly including those names too. Ed.

Lost Hockey Stick: It is pleasing to advise that the Lost Property at PHS is now working well again. Ricky Watts tells me that a very helpful Hockey WA staff member helped to locate his missing stick.

Punology One: Did you know that there is a coin shortage in the USA. They are running out of common cents.

'A' Division Blog: This month we not only had a home fixture for the Editor at Hale School but also had a look at Fremantle's impressive new Lakelands facility.

July 5th: The numbers at Hale School were much better than many of us had anticipated and we managed to complete the fixtures - the play was nowhere near as uneven as the scores. Gold's deep defence of Ricky Watts and Peter Jones (back from Bali) were very tough to score against as were keepers Barry Rutter, Colin Benporath (welcome back) and Graeme Sansom. Another factor in the final scores was the frequent poor finishing in the attacking circle. As well as a comeback for Colin Benporath, Hector D'Rozario reappeared on the field and seemed to get through the day without further mishap. As mentioned above Ricky Watts not only had a great day in defence but also smashed in a hat trick of penalty corners to be awarded the goal of the day. The results and scorers: **Gold 4 Blue 0; White 1 Blue 2; White 0 Gold 1; Blue 1 Gold 2; Blue 0 White 0; Gold 1 White 0.**

Scorers: **Blue** Peter Denis, Peter Wallis (2). **Gold:** Nev Brown (2), John Mercer, Ken Walter (2), Ricky Watts (3). **White:** Ken Eliot. Total goals 12.

Team numbers at max: Blue with Dudley Burress (11), Gold with Peter Stevens (10), White (10).

July 12th: After Peter Willett transferred from Gold to White Gold were left with 10 players and Blue and White were each 2 short. This meant that when Blue played White 4 Gold players had to fill in but when Gold played either opponent only 2 fill ins from the resting team were needed. I'd suggest that quite a few players were very tired after we managed to complete the full fixtures. As the fill-ins tended to be the good players the hockey standard was quite high for most of the day. For the first time in quite a while all teams had the same results of 1 win, 1 loss and 2 draws apiece. The three keepers in Barry Rutter, Graeme Sansom and Colin Benporath were very hard to pass and goals were at a premium. Goal of the day was a shared award between an excellent deflection by Peter Willett and a well executed breakaway by Hector D'Rozario. The day's details were:

Blue 1 White 1; Gold 0 White 0; Gold 0 Blue 0; White 1 Blue 0; White 0 Gold 1; Blue 1 Gold 0.

Scorers: **Blue:** Nev Brown, Hector D'Rozario. **Gold:** Ken Walter. **White:** Robin Bailey, Peter Willett.

Team numbers by original side: Blue (8), Gold (11), White (7). Total goals 5.

July 19th: Despite the cold and damp weather we managed to play the full set of fixtures, and after a little early drizzle the rain ceased. Goalkeepers Barry Rutter and Graeme Sansom were the only two present and consequently had to play every match which they did to such good effect that after the first four games only three goals had been scored. Defences seemed to tire for the late matches and the forwards took advantage. As White had an extra player Robin Bailey transferred to Blue for the day, thus limiting the number of fill-ins required. There was no doubt about the goal of the day and Ham D'Souza's class deflection got the unanimous vote of the judges. The results and scorers:

Blue 1 Gold 0; White 1 Gold 0; White 0 Blue 1; Gold 0 Blue 0; Gold 2 White 1; Blue 0 White 2.

Scorers: **Blue:** Ash Challenor (2). **Gold:** Ken Walter (2). **White:** Ham D'Souza, David Horsley, Steve McEntee (PS), Neil Patterson. Total goals 8.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (9), Gold (8), White (11).

July 26th: Despite a shortage of numbers we attempted to play the fixtures. After John Mercer was transferred from Gold to Blue White needed one fill-in each game and Blue two. Again Barry and Graeme were the only goalkeepers and both were hard to pass all day. In addition the unfamiliarity of players with their temporary team mates may have led to the occasional poor combination. By the last game's start time many players had filled in at least once and the onset of some decent rain led to the final match being called off. Goal of the day went to Ken Walter's classy deflection which probably would have won in a much bigger list of contenders. The results and scorers were:

Gold 0 White 0; Blue 0 White 1; Blue 0 Gold 0; White 1 Gold 1; White 0 Blue 1; Not played.

Scorers: **Blue:** Scott Blackwell. **Gold:** Ken Walter. **White:** Steve McEntee (2). Total goals 4.

Team numbers: Blue (7), Gold (9), White (11).

Quotable Quote Number One: "The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable." *Attributed variously to both economist John Kenneth Galbraith (1908 - 2006) and to economist Ezra Solomon (1920 - 2002). Makes you feel a bit sorry for Phillip Lowe.*

From Saturday Masters:

All members are reminded that the date for our AGM and winter season windup dinner has now been confirmed. We are returning to the Herdsman's Hotel after hockey on Saturday 14th October. All of you who went to our last function there on 15th April no doubt remember how good the night was. We will be asking members to confirm their attendance closer to the event.

There may possibly be some changes to the Committee following this night. It is hoped that there will be sufficient continuity to keep our Saturday afternoons as the enjoyable times that they have been since our group started playing in the winter of 2013. Be there to find out what happens.

During July Les made an appeal for players to start owning up and it was great to see that quite a few players listened and have acted on it. That's the vibe that we encourage.

Situation Vacant: When we resume running our own bar, which is likely to be from 26th August Howie and I are likely to be among the last out to the field due to the set-up time required. If possible I would like to find a volunteer to take our bag of hockey balls out to our ground and bring it in again afterwards. At the moment I am taking it home each week but as soon as we again have access to the secure back store room we will be keeping the balls in there.

I believe that this winter season quite a few players are not advising us of their intention to play but just turning up in their gear. One of the major aims of our group is to make sure that the games do not become one-sided and careful attention is paid to this during the selection process as well as a last minute review on Saturdays. Please assist by making sure that the duty selector knows that you are coming. I'd suggest that failure to notify should lead to a Saturday of being the duty selector.

Make sure that you book in to play by responding to the "are you playing" email before the time requested by Jim. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please notify us about that too.

B Division Report July 2023:

July and the middle of winter but Wednesday hockey keeps on giving and is well organized, well played and well supported.

Lakelands and Whitfords Turfs were the venues for the first 2 weeks of July before play returned to PHS. As is usual the change to other venues did not make much difference to the attendance or enthusiasm. It seems that the occasional change of scenery is welcomed by the players and the hospitality from each venue is always very good and much appreciated.

Another feature of the hockey this month has been the continued domination of each game by our high class group of goalies. One would expect forwards to attack them with a bit more vigour and determination but this aspect of our game seems to be missing at the moment. Hopefully this is just temporary and goalies are in for a torrid time in the near future.

Off field Keith Platel has returned from his trip overseas and is back running the wine raffles. Winners of these raffles have received a good quality wine not that most of us would know about the winning or the quality! Losers of these raffles can be content in the knowledge that all profits go to a good cause at the end of the year. Also off the field the improved quality of the food supplied by PHS has been maintained. This has led to greater numbers enjoying the bar facilities and social aspect of Wednesday hockey.

So another great month of hockey for B Division!

Dudley Evans

Thanks again Dudley. These reports are obviously written with a very careful choice of words. I would have thought that all the research you and the raffle chief did in Spain recently has resulted in a very discriminating wine palate. Also, judging by the way the food disappears from the tables A Division are in total agreement with your verdict on our post-match nibbles. I'm told that the bar person who looks after us so well is a qualified chef. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men Two: "Confidence is 10% hard work and 90% delusion" Tina Fey. *US comedienne and actress. So that's where I've been going wrong.*

Balinese Bulletin No 82: Peter says:

"The only thing I have to report is that we have finally set the wheels in motion relating to possible surgery other medical issues for both of us. We are hopeful of moving further with appointments next week."

Thank you Peter - all the best for the week ahead, and whatever follows. I hope that the improved results for Carlton in recent weeks are assisting your well-being. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "... you must come in earlier o' nights .." Twelfth Night Act I, Scene III. *Hopefully by now our family members are accustomed to the necessity of a bar visit after hockey.*

".. that is not forgot which ne'er I did remember" King Richard II Act II, Scene III. *Several important stories have been left out of Masters Matters recently. This is the Editor's excuse.*

"What have I done, that thou dar'st wag thy tongue in noise so rude against me?" Hamlet Act III, Scene III. *Come on mate, my tackle wasn't that bad!*

Well Dones for July: Wednesday's A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Dudley Burress, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Mal Horrigan, David Horsley, Mal Jackaman, Peter Jones, KY Lee, Steve McEntee, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Ken Walter, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams and Ivan Wilson.

Saturday's umpires were: Dudley Burress, Adrian Gabriel, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Paul Huisman, Peter Livingstone, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. Our thanks to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players July: Noted at PHS, Hale and Lakelands: Peter Andrews, Jim Balding, Jim Banks, Chip Challenor, Hector D'Rozario, Colin Gee, Howie Herbert, David Horsley, John Jeffreys, KY Lee, Jim Malcolm, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Colin Benporath, Scott Blackwell, Ian Hill, Paul Huisman, Bruce Mercer, John Mercer, John Milner, Peter Murray, Colin Murray-Smith, John Pierce, Barry Lesley Rutter, Graeme Sansom, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Jim Wright.

Quotable Quote Two: "The history of man is a graveyard of great cultures that came to catastrophic ends because of their incapacity for planned, rational, voluntary reaction to challenge." *Erich Fromm (1900 - 1980) US (German born) psychologist.*

Penalty Corner Rules Trials: Thank you to Jim Banks for providing this information. I have been looking for any indication on the websites whether we will be introducing these changes for the tournament but have found nothing so far. Word from the FIH appears at the end of the new rule.

Simple description:

- The set up of the penalty corner is the same as the current rule but the ball must travel at least 5m outside the circle , beyond the 5m dotted circle, before a goal can be scored.
- Number of defenders remains at 5, all starting behind the goal line.
- Number of attackers is at the discretion of the attacking team.
- Attackers except for the initial injector must start 5m outside the circle (dotted line).
- When the ball is played from the baseline all players are able to move and play as normal.
- No restriction on height of shots at goal once the ball has travelled outside the 5m dotted line and returned inside the circle. Normal rules of hockey apply regarding dangerous play.
- Defenders are permitted to wear additional protective equipment as per the current rules, however, this is only for the purpose of the trial. The intention is to remove the need to wear any additional protective equipment for a PC.

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Penalty Corner Rules Trials (continued):**Rationale:**

- Maintain the current set up of a Penalty Corner but reduce the danger by removing the direct shot and therefore no need for defenders to run towards an attacker shooting at goal.
- Changes the emphasis to using the overload of players and options rather than a straight strike at goal. More similar to normal hockey play, with a significant advantage of more players available to the attacking team.
- Removes the need for additional protective equipment to be worn by field players, which reduces the barrier to entry of having to purchase further equipment and significantly improves the safety and the safe appearance of hockey.
- At international level, the time permitted for the teams to set up once a PC is awarded can be reduced from 40 seconds (to c20 seconds) speeding up the game and reducing delays.

Considerations to test during the trial:

- Number of defending players. Does 5 defenders give the right level of overload to give the attacking team a good chance (c25%) of scoring. This could be increased, or decreased, to achieve the desired scoring chances.
- Statistics to capture
 - Number of penalty corners.
 - Number and type of injuries incurred during PC.
 - Conversion rate (re-awards, goals and PS).

Five Metre Out Trial Rule:**13.3** Taking a penalty corner:

a) Time and play is stopped after a penalty corner is awarded and re-started when the teams are ready.

Teams should take as little time as possible (maximum 30 seconds) to take their positions for the taking of a penalty corner.

b) The ball is placed on the back line inside the circle at least 10 metres from the goal post on whichever side of the goal the attacking team prefers.

c) An attacker pushes the ball or hits without intentionally raising it.

d) The attacker taking the push or hit from the back line must have at least one foot outside the field.

e) The other attackers must be on the field, beyond the 5m dotted line outside the circle with sticks, hands and feet not touching the ground within 5m of the circle.

f) No defender or attacker other than the attacker taking the push or hit from the back line is permitted to be within 5 metres of the ball when the push or hit is taken.

g) Not more than 5 defenders, including the goalkeeper, must be positioned behind the back line with their sticks, hands and feet not touching the ground inside the field.

If the team defending a penalty corner has chosen to play with only field players, none of the defenders referred to above has goalkeeping privileges.

h) The other defenders must be beyond the centre line.

i) Until the ball has been played, no attacker other than the one taking the push or hit from the back line is permitted to enter the 5m dotted line distance around the circle and no defender is permitted to cross the centre line or back line.

j) After playing the ball, the attacker taking the push or hit from the back line must not play the ball again or approach within playing distance of it until it has been played by another player.

k) A goal cannot be scored until the ball has travelled 5m outside the circle, beyond the dotted line.

m) Shots at goal are permitted to raise the ball to any height but this must not be dangerous.

n) The penalty corner rules no longer apply if the ball travels more than 5 metres from the circle for a second time.

13.4 The match is prolonged at the end of each quarter to allow completion of a penalty corner or any subsequent penalty or penalty stroke.

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Penalty Corner Rules Trials (continued):

13.5 The penalty corner is completed when:

- a) A goal is scored.
- b) A free hit is awarded to the defending team.
- c) The ball travels more than 5 metres outside the circle for the second time.
- d) The ball is played over the back line and a penalty corner is not awarded.
- e) A defender commits an offence which does not result in another penalty corner.
- f) A penalty stroke is awarded.

13.6 For an offence during the taking of a penalty corner:

a) The player taking the push or hit from the back line does not have at least one foot outside the field: the penalty corner is taken again.

b) The player taking the push or hit from the back line feints at playing the ball, the offending player is required to go beyond the centre line but is replaced by another attacker; the PC is taken again.

If this feinting leads to what would otherwise be a breach of this rule by a defender, only the attacker is required to go beyond the centre line.

c) A defender, other than the goalkeeper, crosses the back line or goal line before permitted, the offending player is required to go beyond the centre line and cannot be replaced by another defender; the penalty corner is taken again.

If a defender at this, or any subsequently re-taken penalty corner crosses the back line or goal line before permitted, the offending player is also required to go beyond the centre line and cannot be replaced. If a defender crosses the centre line before permitted, the penalty corner is taken again.

d) A goalkeeper crosses the goal line before permitted, the defending team defends the corner with one fewer player: the penalty corner is taken again.

The defending team nominates which player is required to go beyond the centre line, and they cannot be replaced by another defender. If the action of breaking the line too early is repeated during the same penalty corner, the defending team is required to nominate a further player to go beyond the centre line, and they cannot be replaced. A penalty corner is considered as re-taken until any of the conditions of Rules 13.5 for its completion are met. A subsequently awarded penalty corner, as opposed to a re-taken penalty corner, may be defended by up to five players.

e) An attacker enters the 5m dotted area around the circle before permitted, the player taking the push or hit from the backline is required to go beyond the centre line: the penalty corner is taken again.

Attackers who are sent beyond the centre line may not return for re-taken penalty corners, but may do so for a subsequently awarded penalty corner.

f) For any other offence by attackers: a free hit is awarded to the defence.

Except as specified above, a free hit, penalty corner or penalty stroke is awarded as specified elsewhere in the Rules.

In a letter to national federations last week, the FIH said they “would like to conduct the trials between August 2023 and May 2024”. The proposed rule, hockey’s world governing body said, will be tried at a “small number of competitions around the world” in men’s and women’s senior, junior and masters hockey.

The FIH, however, has underlined that the rule change, if implemented, will be introduced only after the Paris Olympics next year.

MM’s limericist decided that he wanted to comment:

There are some complex hockey rules

We need to remember they’re tools

And most useful when

They guide the wise men

Not blindly obeyed by the fools.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

July's question was:

When the future Kookaburras toured New Zealand in August 1934 this chap played a part.



He was Sir Sidney George Holland GCB CH PC. He later became a New Zealand politician who served as the 25th prime minister of New Zealand from 1949 to 1957. He was instrumental in the creation and consolidation of the New Zealand National Party

During the 1934 tour by Australia, and the single Test in August, was he:

- a) A NZ test full back
- b) A selector of the NZ National side
- c) Mayor of the host city Dunedin
- d) President of the newly formed NZ Women's Hockey Association,
- e) An umpire for the Test?

For an extra point:

Who won the Test with a score line of 5-4??

Nobody attempted a solution - John S says:

- b) He was a New Zealand selector and administrator.

New Zealand won 5-4 in atrocious conditions.

August's question is: Can you name these famous hockey playing sisters who all represented Australia at the highest level?



They are photographed here on arrival in NZ in 1948 for a tour of the country, including a single Test match which was played in atrocious conditions in Dunedin.



The girls developed their hockey skills in Moulyinning, country Western Australia, and when playing together in the strong WA side.

For an extra point: Who won the Test with a score line of 3-2??

Answers next issue.

Punology Two: The adjective for metal is metallic but not so for iron, which is ironic.

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