

Small Sticks Primary Committee Meeting Agenda
22nd February 2022 6.30pm
Tauranga Hockey Centre Pavilion & Teams

Present: Barbara Wood (THA), Kendall (Arataki School), Terry Furmage (Gate Pa), Sally Valois (Chair), Megan Richards (Te Ranga), Kristy Rutherford (ACG), Anna Oglesby (Papamoa Primary), Jane White (GSS)

Apologies: Kelly Hudson, Gill Gemming,

Confirmation of Minutes

- Matters arising from previous minutes
- Changes to mini sticks to be discussed later

Welcome & Introductions

Committee

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| ○ Chairperson | Sally Valois |
| ○ Deputy Chair | vacant |
| ○ Minute Taker | vacant |
| ○ Draw Convenor | Megan Richards |

Facilities

- Tauranga Hockey Centre Turf (x 3)
- Bethlehem College Turf
- Tauranga Boys College (Half field only)
- Aquinas College Turf (Half field only)
- Otumoetai Intermediate Turf (Half field only)
- Otumoetai College Turf (Half field only)
- Te Puna School (Quarter field only)
- Katikati College (Half or Quarter field)
- Selwyn Ridge School (Quarter field only)

Key Holders:

- Aquinas College (Code)
- Otumoetai Intermediate
- Otumoetai College
- Tauranga Boys College (Sally Valois)

Competition Structure

1. Scoring

- The published result will hopefully only show win, loss or draw this year and not the actual score. This is to try to lessen the competitive side of the leagues. (SV)

2. Timeslots for Age groups

- It was discussed that this season grades are run at the same timeslot each week e.g., Mini Sticks 8.30am-10.30am
- This would be problematic as it is an ineffective use of the turfs & the more distant teams will find the early times in the Mount hard (MR)

- Beneficial to have time slots for family plans (TF)
- This moves us in line with soccer, netball & rugby (KR)
- Once we see the number of teams we can see how it will work (BW)
- In general, everyone was in support of this idea.
- It was also proposed that Mini Sticks move to smaller game slots. Currently they play the same game length as Kiwi Sticks – x2 20-minute halves. BW proposed moving to x2 15-minute halves.

3. Kiwi Sticks

- Kiwi Sticks will be 6 a side played on a half turf or quarter turf

4. Mini Sticks

- It was discussed at the end of season review last year to move to 4 a side (4v4) on eighth turf for all Mini Sticks teams. Kelly Hudson provided some evidence via email to support this transition. More information provided in attached proposal.
- This would be difficult for the larger and more experienced year 4s. Would also affect the draw as potentially more teams to be entering (MR)
- This would mean a lot of yr. 4s would just go for kiwi sticks grade (TF)
- This is something that can be discussed for perpetuity. We need a vision and smaller teams will make it easier for smaller schools but could increase team numbers for the traditional hockey schools (KR)
- Will need to look at logistics of turf and equipment (BW)
- It was decided a proposal would go out to schools.

5. Calendar

- Online – will be published on THA website once all dates are finalised
 - Team Registrations due: Friday 8 April
 - Player Registrations/Team Lists due: Wednesday 11 May

6. Umpiring

- Rule Changes 2022 some concerning the mini sticks – this will be communicated out to schools
- Rules sessions – 1st date on the calendar

7. Other Business

- Flexibility is key this season. Teams will initially be graded and then moved to groups of similar ability. Will possibly look at same system as last year which is a ladder progression. There will inevitably be teams that don't turn up or call in sick late so if there are teams without an opposition then a game will be arranged on the day playing another team in the same position. League tables will possibly not be published. The focus for the season will be playing for fun and hopefully be a streamlined way to run a potentially difficult season. The season will be monitored as we go, and changes made during the season if needed.
- Concussion Policy – nothing to add
- Defibrillator – SV there needs to be regular drills to ensure the defibrillator can be located immediately.
- Handbook for 2022 will be updated after this meeting
- Resources for coaches – these are available on THA website. More information will be emailed re coaching and umpire workshops.
- THA vaccine mandated site – More information will come soon from THA, but schools will probably need to manage this i.e., check coaches and managers vaccine passports upon organising teams
- It was discussed that instead of trying to have a representative from every school attend committee meetings that a committee of 6-8 people is formed which would coordinate primary hockey. Schools were asked that if they know any parents interested in joining this committee to contact Sally. It's a great way to be involved and keep up to date on primary hockey.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12 April online via Microsoft Teams @ 7pm