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## 2020 Hockey season plan: Covid-19 impacts.

We hope you are all remaining safe and well. The Yarra Valley HC General Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the club continues to function and we keep all of our members safe and healthy. The GC is now very zoom aware.

Huge thanks to those that have been pitching in with Covid19 sanitisation etc to implement our [Return to Hockey plan](#). This has been recently updated to incorporate the changes for members 18 years and younger. Thanks to Tracey & Neil, but all the other parents and supporters who have been pitching in to ensure training is conducted safe from virus spread. As restriction change, we are modifying and update plans at this link. This plan has Banyule Council sign off / acknowledgement. We will open club rooms for meeting shortly. Hygiene controls are being finalised.

Last week HV have announced [details for the season](#), a summary is shown:

### Competitions Structure

Grade	Season Start Date	Structure	Finals
<b>Seniors</b>			
Premier League & Reserves	25th July	15 Rounds 3 Mid Week matches	Top 6
VL1-3 & Reserves	25th July	12 Rounds	Finals Format SF1 1V4 - SF2 2V3 GF Winners of SF1 and SF2
Pennant & Metro	25th July	12 Rounds	
<b>Mid-Week Competition</b>			
Masters & Mid Week	Monday Comps - 20th July Wednesday Comps 22nd July	12 Rounds	Finals Format SF1 1V4 - SF2 2V3 GF Winners of SF1 and SF2
<b>Juniors</b>			
All Juniors	Friday 17th & Saturday 18th July	12 Rounds (Re grade after 3 Rounds)	Finals Format SF1 1V4 - SF2 2V3 GF Winners of SF1 and SF2

Thanks those who participated in our player survey. This has allowed us to enter teams accordingly. We have dropped a team from our Women's and Junior's sections, but other section entries currently remain as per 2019. The 2020 season is modified duration, but games remain as per 2019. No ball people in PL. Promotion and relegation

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will not apply at any grade. Season gradings achieved at the conclusion of the 2019 season are expected apply for season 2021. MPL confirmed until end 2022 season. There are various rule changes to allow clubs to better respond to list changes and provide hygiene control. And get as many players back on the turf enjoying their hockey.

Many members hit on and contributed to [Yabbie Online](#) during the Covid19 lockdown. Great job Alex Mason for making it all work. With support from Nicky with web site.

## Registration fees

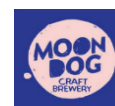
The GC has amended fees for 2020 to reflect the change to season duration. Senior Masters reducing to ~ 65% of planned fee, Juniors reducing to 85% of planned fee. See detail as below

### 2020 Discounted Fees Senior Competition Players\*

Category	Previous full fee	Revised Full fee for shorter season if paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Late Rate applies from 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2020
Senior (Full fee)	645	420	460
Senior Student/unemployed	465	300	330
Masters (Full fee)	540	350	385
Masters Concession	450	290	320
Goal Keeper (Senior or Masters) (Own equipment)	315	205	225
Combination (playing senior & masters, or 2x masters competitions)	645	420	460
Combination Concession (unemployed/retired) (playing senior & masters, or 2x masters competitions)	540	350	385
Casual Fee	38	38	
Casual Fee Student/Unemployed/Retired	27	27	
Junior playing Junior and Senior Competitions	465	395	440

If you do not want to help out volunteering for 3 hours during the year an additional \$50 non volunteer levy is applicable

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## Junior Competition Players\*

Category	Previous Full fee	Revised Full fee for shorter season if paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Late Rate applies from 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2020
u10 Half Field	175	149	165
u10 extra child	120	100	110
u12, u14, u16 & u18	350	298	335
u12, u14, u16 & u18 extra child	180	153	170
Goal Keeper (own equipment)	60	55	65
Junior playing Seniors Competitions	465	395	440
Casual Fee (u12, u14 & u16)	26	25	
Casual Fee (u10 or extra child)	13	12	
Junior Coach (Junior coaching juniors)	55	55	

\* Excluding registration fees to Hockey Victoria and Hockey Australia.

### AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION (ASF)

If you would like to support the club in these difficult times the Committee is suggesting that if you can pay the Previous Full Fee, the club would treat the difference between this and the revised fee as a donation to the YVHC Australian Sports Foundation and you will be eligible for a tax deduction for this amount when lodging your tax return for the 2020-21 year. The club receives back 95% of this donation which we can use for specific projects.

**By making this donation, as well as the tax deduction, the Club agrees that this would give you free entry to all social functions (excluding Presentation Night and Coterie lunches) we are able to hold this season.**

### REFUNDS

If you have already paid your club fees for this season and you do not want to take up the ASF option can you please email [treasurer@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:treasurer@yarravalleyhockey.com.au) with the following information

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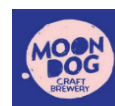
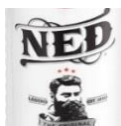
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The Club will only be refunding Club fees not the HV fee.

Should any member have financial difficulties meeting the 2020 fees please contact the Treasurer regarding a payment plan or alternate ways of meeting the club registration fee.

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## HOCKEY VICTORIA REGISTRATION FEE

All HV Individual Levy Fees have been reduced by 15% across the board. It is important to note that HV's fee is only one component of the overall Individual Registration fee for the participants. This is around \$8/member. Hockey Australia has confirmed that there will be no reduction to its individual levies, nor the insurance fee for 2020. Players who have already registered with HV in 2020 will receive a credit equivalent to 15% of the HV Individual Registration Fee, which can be used towards the 2021 fees. The logistics of the credit are currently under discussion with revolutioniseSPORT ( the new fixture & player registration platform).

## Juniors

Juniors news is available in their [newsletter](#). Junior Co Ordinator's Adrian Loh and Trudie Webber have been very active behind the scenes with the junior committee. They have recently appointed Justine Robbins to the Junior Committee position of "Director of Coaching Strategy" (DOCS). Tasked with developing a consistent coaching strategy for juniors mindful of senior coaches' inputs.

The Masters are also keen to hear from any junior parents interested in returning to or taking up hockey. We have Men's & Women's masters teams. Over35's and onwards. Please contact Andrew Howell if you would like to understand more: [Masters@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:Masters@yarravalleyhockey.com.au)

## Strategic Plan – second pitch progress

Thanks to our local Banyule Councillor, Craig Langdon, we have been positioning our second field project as a potentially shovel ready community infrastructure project. It has been identified that we need the Planning Permit undertake a Cultural Heritage Management Plan similar to that done for the new bike path adjacent. Craig is helping re funding to get these final two permits in place. Banyule have completed detailed specification and costings for the second field. This was done by the consultant who worked with us on turf replacement. Although actual supplier confirmation remains some way off. Amongst everything else we will try and press ahead and keep to our end 2021 target.

## Scoreboard installation

Some major advances made thanks Tracey Cox. We are hopeful of having the electronic scoreboard erected on the high fence on South West corner (as per planning permit) this season. Still some electrical connectivity to solve but we are making good progress.

Stay well. Hope to see you at the Dam very soon!

Craig Lovel

VP YVHC

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