

AK HOCKEY CLUB AFFILIATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Rationale

There is a need to have a policy to be followed by the AK Hockey Board when a Club applies for affiliation to AK Hockey.

Policy

In assessing if a Club should be affiliated, the AK Hockey Board will evaluate the application against the criteria listed on the next page.

Procedure

The following timetable will be followed:

TIMETABLE FOR APPLICATION BY A CLUB TO JOIN AUCKLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Due By*	Action
31/08	Presentation to AK Hockey Board (or delegated subcommittee) of application by proposed club for affiliation. Clubs notified by email that application has been received.
	AK Hockey publishes summary of application on its website and seeks Club Council, existing Club and hockey community feedback. AK Hockey advises of further
30/09	information (if any) required from proposed club.
31/10	Closing date for submissions to AK Hockey on proposed club.
30/11	AK Hockey decision.

^{*}The Year prior to the first season of play by a proposed club



CRITERIA AGAINST WHICH NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CLUBS TO JOIN AUCKLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WILL BE ASSESSED

1. CLUB PLANNING AND POSITIONING

- Strategic plan (confidentiality will be maintained)
- Outline of Club Vision and values
- Targeted player group
- Key points of difference
- Non-discriminatory membership criteria

2. GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION

- A Constitution
- List of personnel proposed and his or her confirmation of agreement to fulfil roles on the board/committee and officer positions of the club
- Commitment to attend necessary AK Hockey forums and abide by AK Hockey policies

3. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Initial 3 year budget including cash flow
- Sign-offs by Club President that budget and cash flow are realistic (or if requested by AK Hockey Board, certificate from Chartered Accountant)

4. GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Evidence of ability to grow the game by bringing new players and volunteers from new sources to the game
 - Plans where appropriate:
 - To develop players
 - For coaching systems
 - For defined pathways for players, coaches and umpires
 - To cater for junior, youth and senior players
 - To develop umpires
 - To develop coaches
 - To foster school links and to develop hockey in schools within the proposed club's community

Details of facilities:

- Confirmation of appropriate access to turf and/or training facilities
- Confirmation that, if the organisation has a turf, it will be made available for competition
- Changing rooms, club rooms, parking

Issue Date	Next Review Date	Reviewer	Approved
Original date: Effective 31 October 2011	October 2014		AK Hockey Board Meeting 31 October 2011

