



# **BULLETIN FIFTEEN**

**Promotion  
Relegation Finals  
Fever**

**Vic Park Legends**

**Points Capping**

**Development Hubs**



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## FROM THE EDITOR

Finals fever is here and the men's top grades have already begun their quest with mid week finals.

Those with the most at stake are the teams involved in Promotion-Relegation matches and the tussle has been extra close so far this season. The points system for the four men's teams involved includes their two round matches during the season as well as matches against the other teams involved.

	Raiders	OGMHC	Subs	Peel	Total
Raiders	-	0	2+TBC	TBC	2
OGMHC	TBC	-	2	1.5+TBC	3.5
Subs	1 + TBC	TBC	-	1	2
Peel	3	0.5+TBC	TBC	-	3.5

Willow Bridge teams Old Guildford and Peel have started their campaigns well with wins over AHG League clubs Subs and Raiders. They continue their campaigns on Saturday.

The women's Promotion-Relegation match will see Panthers take on Strikers on Sunday before the men's League AHG semi-finals.

In the men's AHG finals, fifth placed Fremantle has been ousted from the finals by YMCC on Wednesday night (6-0). YM will play Hale in Semi 1 and UWA will play Wolves in Semi 2 on Sunday afternoon.

In the Women's AHG League on Saturday afternoon Wolves also play UWA and Fremantle play Pirates. Come down and see all the action at PHS

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## VIC PARK PANTHERS VOLUNTEER LEGENDS

*The Reid Family from Elite to Grass Roots*

What a contrast: on the one hand the husband looks after Australia's elite men's hockey players and his wife has transformed Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Junior Program into something special. We speak of the Reid Family's Graham and Julia. They are hockey tragics. They just live for it or that is how it seems.

Last year Graham was coaching Vic Park in the AHG League competition and now he has made the transition to the elite level to assist Richard Charlesworth with the Kookaburra's in a once in a lifetime opportunity. This former Australian

Olympic player has plenty to offer as his reputation for being able to get players to the next level is well known. What is perhaps not as well known except by the Vic Park Hockey Club is his wife's outstanding work at the eastern suburbs club in the Junior area.

As is the case with many parents they get involved in their children's activities. They are the lifeblood of Junior Sport. Without them many junior teams would simply not function. Julia started at the Minkey Level and then moved to Grads and is now Junior Vice President. Three years ago Vic Park had no junior girls teams now they have nine and together with the nine boys teams it is almost a full time job looking after this group of their future hockey players. Much of the credit goes to Julia and her band of helpers as to how they have developed a successful base for the future.

They have yet to achieve first grade status in their women but they are making a concerted effort



## SUNDAY INDOOR HOCKEY

COME AND PLAY INDOOR THIS SUMMER  
FIRST AND SECOND DIVISION

HOME AND AWAY:  
LOFTUS CENTRE (LEEDERVILLE) AND HERB GRAHAM CENTRE (MIRRABOOKA)

**11 OCTOBER TO 21 FEBRUARY**

*with a break over Christmas from 6 December starting again on 10 January  
(Also a general bye on 17 January for the Under 18 National Indoor Championships)*

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in 2009 with Men's Captain Phil Hulbert as their coach. Such is their professionalism each week they have ball persons attend their promotion 2 game. Guess who has participated as a ball person, one of the Reid girls and yes and the indefatigable Julia was in the Grandstand looking on. Many of our elite players have done stunts as ballpersons and just as many admit they learnt much, even perhaps those words that should not be spoken.

For so long the Western Suburbs of Perth has been has been the Hockey hot bed for developing hockey players. Vic Park is trying hard to arrest that imbalance. The club is but a fledgling in that it does not have a long history. Two clubs Vic Park and Xavier merged just twenty three years ago in 1986.

Peter Selfe was the inaugural President and he was followed by Stewart "Penguin" Lamont.

Many clubs develop self interest but that allegation could not be made of the Parks. Players coaches and officials have all participated at the higher levels.

Dean "Jack" Evans was the first player from the club to gain international honours and be a home grown product. The enigmatic Greg Corbitt at the tender age of seventeen followed some years later. Current President John "JB" Bestall joined the Parks in his heyday and has continued on for many years and is now the President. Since then courtesy of the AIS draft they have had Graham "Possum" Reid, Liam "DY" De Young and more lately Ian Burcher transferred from Wasps to Parks.

In their short history they have managed to have three coaches who have gone on to strut the Australian Stage, Frank Murray, Chris Spice and more lately Graham Reid. Another name Rutter almost goes hand in hand with Parks. The family name pops up in team lists right throughout the club. Mark Rutter is another coach who has also coached in the International arena with a stint in Brunei and then he came back to Canberra as an ITC coach. It must be something they drink to have so many at this level.

Of course Chris Spice had a dual role in that he was also a very good umpire with a unique style. Colin Mclean, Dave Allen, Daniel Johnston and Stewart Lamont are others from the club who have made their contribution to officialdom.

Perhaps in the future those players that Julia Reid and her band have nurtured may mimic their elder statesmen and stateswomen to move into that special territory.

Ian Pitt

# BLUE LACES DAY

Purchase a pair of our special blue shoe laces to raise funds for **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.**

You will help provide much needed support and information to almost 2000 WA men diagnosed with prostate cancer each year and their families.

Blue Laces can be purchased for \$6 a pair at your local IGA store during September or in Perth's Murray St Mall on Thursday 17 September.

Wear your blue laces in your shoes or wherever you choose on **BLUE LACES DAY,**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kate,

I received a message from my mum (Sherryn) regarding the latest Bulletin and the article on the trip of Nicole Serafini to the Pilbara and more specifically the Yandeyarra Remote Community School. Please pass onto Nicole my pleasure at seeing Hockey WA visit Yandeyarra and introduce these students to Hockey.

As a former teacher at Yandeyarra it was exciting to see my former students ( I taught all except two) holding hockey sticks. It would be wonderful to see Hockey WA continue to visit remote aboriginal communities. Maybe in future they could also visit communities such as Nullagine and Jigalong, which are close to the Pilbara towns of Marble Bar and Newman respectively.

Please pass on my congratulations to all involved - it is good to see Hockey WA engaging Indigenous Western Australians. Also a note for any future trips, I am currently at South Hedland PS and would love to see Hockey WA.

Regards,  
David Howell



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## WHISTLERS CHAT

### OFFICIATING MOVES FORWARD

Officiating is a vital and necessary component in all sports. Hockey WA has recognised this and at the beginning of the year formed The Officiating Reference Panel (ORP) who were charged with responsibility of conducting the officiating's affairs.

The chairperson of this group is the well respected and experienced Pino Monaco. His experience is wide and all those who have had contact with him have expressed admiration for the manner in which he has carried out his duties both at association and club level.

Historically WA Hockey has been strong in the officiating area although in recent years this has suffered a decline. This cyclical phenomenon happens to many sports and clubs.

It revitalises and motivates those connected with the sector to move forward in a positive manner.

The formation of the ORP has a number of new innovations and the list of portfolios clearly illustrate this: Administration Support, Appointments, Club and Association Liaison, Communications, Elite Development and Coaching, General Development, Indoor, Player Representatives (Men and Women) and Technical.

It is the portfolios of Communications, Player Representatives and Club and Association Liaison that are new and we hope that this will take officiating and the sport into a new era.

The development of relationships between players and umpires has from time to time been volatile and it is hoped that the two way communication made possible by the players' representatives will foster good relations and break down any existing barriers.

Many issues arise in officiating that have a significant bearing on the playing of the game throughout the grades and the Club Liaison Officer's role is to facilitate the good passage.

Association Liaison is a supplementary role with the National and Country Associations. Officials come from a widely diverse group whose locations are spread across the metropolitan area and in the country. Communicating with them so the message is the same

The Umpire Newsletter **Whistlers Corner** has detailed information for anyone umpiring.

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and the delivery to the players is also the same is considered vital.

The Communication panel member is responsible for umpiring articles in the Bulletin and is the editor of the umpiring newsletter known as "Whistlers Corner".

The Panel has met monthly and sometimes more often than that this year and they have tackled their portfolios with an enthusiasm and efficiency that augurs well. Rome was not built in a day so progress to make WA the mecca of not only playing but also umpiring will be a long process but be assured that progress is being made. The panel has made significant progress in 2009 and have terrific plans in progress for 2010.

The Panel welcomes input so if you have a suggestion, or a contribution that will benefit the sport in this State feel free to put pen to paper and address it to the Officiating Reference Panel or contact any one of the members of the Panel listed below, whose portfolio is responsible for the issue.

Chairperson	Pino Monaco
Administration Support	Ian Pitt
Appointments	Frank Brown
Club and Association Liaison	Sharon Kirkaldy,
Communications	Graham Napier
Elite Development & Coaching	Hamish Johnston
General Development	Gail Mounsey
Indoor	Ryan Briggs
Player Representative-Women	Cathy Watkins
Player representative - Men	Charlie Gaudoin
Technical	Tony Lalor

### *Whistler*

Hello,  
I would like to thank and acknowledge the Modernians and Uni Associates Hockey Clubs. I umpired these two teams on the weekend and it was a pleasure to have such supportive and helpful players.

I am new to umpiring, but both teams were extremely understanding and more than willing to offer help and advice throughout the game. It seems to be a rarity to find teams that appreciate and work with umpires, so I was wondering if you could pass on my thanks to the respective clubs.

thanks,  
Morgan Woodforde  
Melville



## DEVELOPMENT HUBS

During the consultation phase of the Competition Review recommendations, there was overwhelming support for creating programs in the growth areas of the metropolitan area.

Administered separately to the competition structure, development hubs have been defined in the northern, north-eastern and southern suburbs and when suitably resourced to deliver junior recruitment programs, will form pathways for player and club development.

Other areas serviced by existing affiliated clubs and regional associations have also been identified to ensure growth across all outlying suburbs. To assist in pinpointing development hubs, an inner metropolitan ring has been mapped out.

The outer metropolitan ring incorporates the local authorities of Joondalup, Wanneroo, Swan, Mundaring, Kalamunda, Gosnells, Armadale, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham.

***The eight clubs in the outer ring account for just over 20% of the teams that compete in the men's competition and just under 11% of teams in the women's competition.***

The priority development hubs have been identified using the following rationale:

- The southern extremity of the City of Wanneroo is catered for via the Wanneroo Districts Hockey Association. They are located at Kingsway Reserve and discussions are currently taking place about becoming affiliated with Hockey WA. The local authority's current population of 110,000 is expected to double by 2021 with the continued growth in the northern area highlighting it as a development hub.

Other areas outside the metropolitan ring that are serviced by an affiliated club/regional association but necessitate development pathways are:

- The Shire of Mundaring
- The Shire of Kalamunda
- The City of Gosnells
- The City of Armadale
- The Town of Kwinana

A co-ordinated approach to the development of hockey within these areas is required in conjunction with the clubs/regional associations that already exist in these areas. This is consistent with findings from the State Sporting Strategic Facilities Plan that notes:

- Kwinana club has no school programs operating in its immediate area to support it.
- The northern spread beyond Wanneroo to Butler and Jindalee is attracting school participation and a club to service these schools will need to be identified or established.

- There are schools in the Ellenbrook region that are participating in hockey but no local club to service them.
- Cockburn has a strong school program and no local club to service it.
- In the longer term (post 2020) growth in the Alkimos Eglinton region will require new facilities and the development of clubs to service that region.
- The hills area stretching from Mundaring to Kalamunda has a series of schools involved in hockey and a club with good facilities to service these schools will need to be identified or established.

Whilst the ultimate objective is to create clubs in the hot spot areas, in the shorter term recruitment programs could feed into Joondalup Lakers in the north, Eastern Blades in the north-east and Kwinana in the south ensuring that all clubs outside the metropolitan ring are catered for.

The move to service each development hub needs to be undertaken strategically with a view to the development of an associated club with long term sustainability. This plan outlines the development of a Hook in2 Hockey (Hin2H) Centre in or near each hot spot with the development of a club to emanate in future years.

It is recognised that each centre will develop at a different rate and that it may not be feasible to address each development hub concurrently.

With modest participation in the program, an average cost commitment of around \$3,000 per centre per year would be required in the first three years. This amount can be lessened with increased volunteer uptake, however the delivery and organisation of the product is paramount during inception and should not be compromised. The source of these resources is yet to be determined but is to be investigated in the coming months.

Excerpts from paper by Damien Todorovic



## POINTS CAPPING FOR AHG LEAGUE CLUBS - A DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

A system that allocates points to elite grade players based on their residence and/or playing history generated significant interest and support during the consultation phase of the competition review recommendations. The points cap would serve to reward clubs who developed junior players and also allow them to recruit diligently but not excessively.

The information that follows has been forwarded to clubs for further discussion.

Points capping systems have recently been introduced in the Western Australian Football League and Brisbane Hockey Association. These systems base their points allocation on a player's level of achievement with higher points ratings given to players who have played at higher levels but were not developed through the junior system of the respective club.

Whilst these examples could form further research, this paper outlines the current status of players within clubs and attempts to allocate a points rating to players based on their junior playing history. This has been considered a greater priority on two fronts:

1. The need for elite graded clubs to become sustainable and be rewarded for developing a junior playing base and pathway; and
2. By not differentiating between the achievements of "imported" players, clubs are not disadvantaged by recruiting national/international standard players over "club level" players. This serves to lift the standard of the competition without an "equivalent" standard player taking the place of a local junior.

Residence was discounted as a valid criterion due to the manner in which it can be exploited.

### WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS?

Preliminary data has been gathered from men's AHG League teams during the first half of the 2009 season and the junior playing history has been broken down into six distinct categories:

1. Junior Player – played the majority of their junior hockey at the same club they are at now;
2. Hockey WA Recruit – played the majority of their junior hockey at a different club but in the Hockey WA competition;
3. Country – played the majority of their junior hockey in country WA;
4. Interstate – played the majority of their junior hockey in Australia but outside of WA;
5. Overseas – played the majority of their junior hockey outside of Australia;
6. HAHPP – have moved to Perth to fulfil Hockey Australia High Performance Program scholarship obligations..

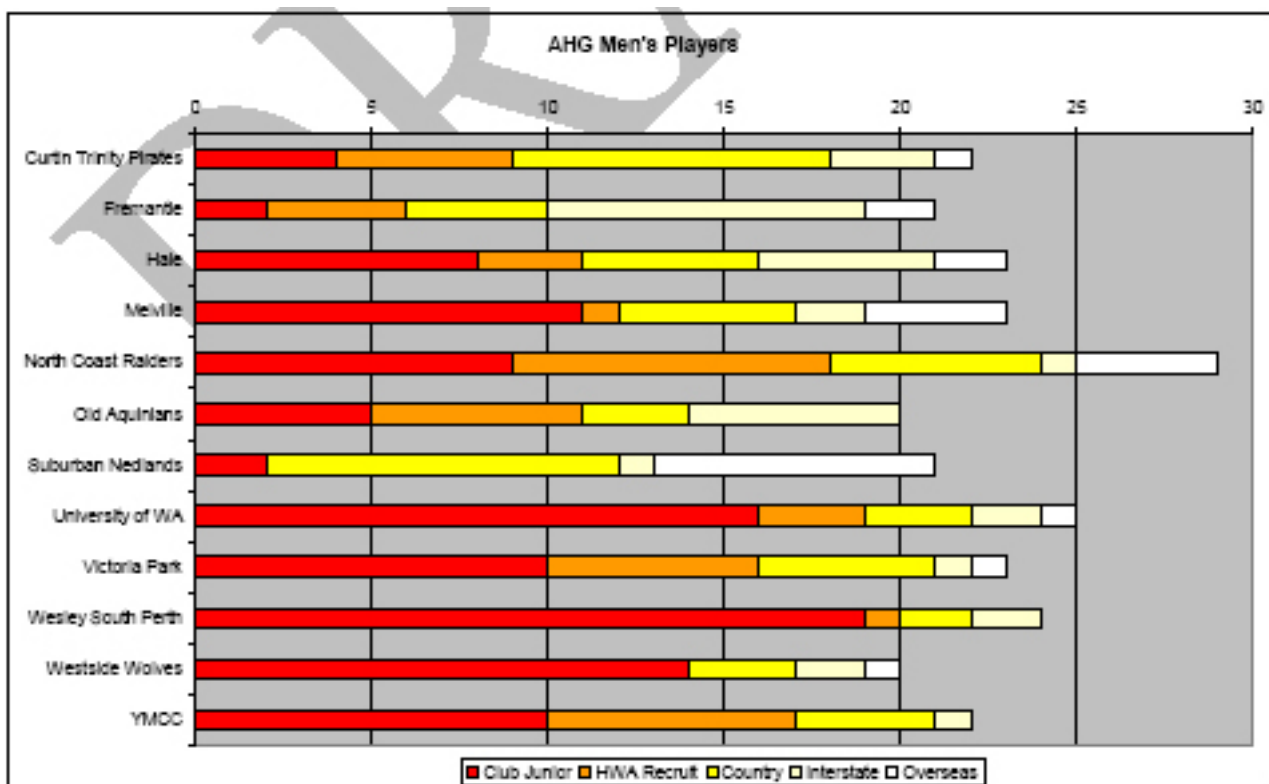
Upon investigation of the clubs who have former junior players within their senior ranks, Wesley South Perth were clear leaders with almost 80% (19 out of 24) of their current squad. Westside Wolves and University of WA also had high percentages of players in this group. The full table is below.

### ON WHAT BASIS WILL POINTS BE ALLOCATED?

In conjunction with the inner metropolitan ring created as part of the Development Hubs Discussion Paper, a Hockey WA Recruit has been broken down into two levels:

1. Recruit from an Inner Metropolitan Club which would carry a lower points rating;
2. Recruit from an Outer Metropolitan Club which would carry a higher points rating.

The location of the junior club would be used to determine this and provide some degree of protection to developing clubs in the outer area.



## RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That** players recruited from junior clubs outside the inner metropolitan ring carry a higher points allocation than players emanating from clubs within the inner metropolitan ring.

More than 20% of players in the 2009 AHG League Men's competition hail from regional areas within Western Australia. It is important that these players are afforded the opportunity to play in Hockey WA's elite competition and should therefore carry lower point's allocations than recruits from other metropolitan clubs.

**That** player's who have played their junior hockey in regional areas carry a lower points allocation than players recruited from other metropolitan clubs.

With the Hockey WA Draft Rules under review and a recognised outcome to provide an equitable competition, it is proposed that current HAHPP players are not allocated any points.

**That** current HAHPP players sit outside any proposed points capping system (i.e. current HAHPP players are allocated zero points).

Given this information, the hierarchy suggested for allocating points (from highest to lowest) is:

1. Overseas Recruit
2. Interstate Recruit
3. Recruit from Outer Metropolitan Club
4. Recruit from Inner Metropolitan Club
5. Country Recruit
6. Junior Product from within Club
7. Current HAHPP Player

To reward service and to acknowledge a player's intention to remain in Perth, it is also proposed that the points allocation is reduced for consecutive seasons with the same club. For example, a player who had played with the same club for three seasons could have their points allocation halved for their fourth and fifth seasons. For their sixth and subsequent seasons, the points attributed to the player are reduced to a nominal amount.

Consideration could also be given to allowing former HAHPP interstate players to continue to play with their existing club on the same basis (i.e. 50% points allocation in the following two seasons and nominal allocation after that). In both examples, a change of club would result in the player reverting back to their original points allocation.

### WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE PROPOSAL?

Taking into account the information gathered thus far, the following is proposed:

- Each club to submit a list of up to 25 players to Hockey WA by a specified date prior to the commencement of the season. Only players on the list are permitted to take part in AHG League games.

- Provided that there is room within the points cap, players may be added at any time up to the maximum of 25.

- To compensate for injury and other extenuating circumstances, point scoring players can only be removed from player lists once they have missed four consecutive playing fixtures. Non-point scoring players can be removed and replaced at any time.

### POINTS CAPPING

- A total of 100 points would be available to each team in year one with that figure reviewed at the end of the first season with a view of bringing this figure down to 80 over time.

Teams that are over the points cap when the system is introduced would be allowed to keep their existing players but would not be permitted to add point scoring players until they drop down below the cap.

Points would be allocated on the following basis:

Category	Years 1-3	Years 4-5	Years 6+
Overseas Recruit	12	6	1
Interstate Recruit	10	5	1
Recruit from Outer Metro Club	6	3	1
Former HAHPP Interstate Player	5	1	
Recruit from Inner Metro Club	4	2	1
Country Recruit	4	2	1
Junior Product from within Club		0	
Current HAHPP Player		0	



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Fri 25 Sep  
at 7.30am on Fox Sports 1

Wed 30 Sep  
at 9.00am on Fox Sports 2

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The figures listed in Years 4-5 and 6+ reflect consecutive playing seasons at the same club (a minimum requirement of games to constitute a season would need to be stated).

The Former HAHPP Interstate Player point's allocation relates to the player continuing with the same club in the year after they ceased to be a scholarship holder. If they were to change clubs, the Interstate Recruit points would apply.

The rationale behind the points allocation is that conceivably, a club could have 25 Inner Metropolitan Club or Country Recruits and be within the cap. Each player produced through the junior pathway would then allow higher point scoring players to be added.

**HOW WOULD THE CAP LOOK NOW?**

To date, only the men's competition has been analysed however a similar exercise can be performed with the women's competition if this model is worth pursuing.

Rank	Club	Points	No. Players	Avg
1	Fremantle	140	21	6.67
2	Suburban Nedlands	136	21	6.48
3	North Coast Raiders	114	29	3.93
4	Hale	92	23	4.00
5	Curtin Trinity Pirates	88	22	4.00
5	Old Aquinians	88	20	4.40
7	Melville	82	23	3.57
8	Victoria Park	56	23	2.43
9	YMCC	50	22	2.27
10	University of WA	46	25	1.84
11	Westside Wolves	34	20	1.70
12	Wesley South Perth	12	21	0.57

The points totals listed above do not include the discounts suggested for retention of recruits who have played for more than three years. Only three clubs are currently over the cap indicating that not too much would change in the short term however with a projected reduction to 80, clubs would be encouraged and have time to develop their junior playing base.

Excerpts from paper by Damien Todorovic

Hi there

I just wanted to let Hockey WA know that WASPS (Wesley and South Perth Hockey Club) this year were involved in raising money for "Call to Arms" ( www.calltoarms.com.au ). As a club we raised almost \$1200 for Cancer research through the month of July. It was a great month and involved sausage sizzles and collection tins. We also ran our chosen "Call to Arms round" one weekend in July where all our players wore yellow arm bands and each team donated some money to the cause, even some of the opposition teams got involved and helped us out. There were announcements before and during our first division team games that played at the stadium and a sausage sizzle there on that day.

It was quite a successful month of fundraising and I know a lot of other sporting clubs get involved. I will be organising this again next year and hopefully involving our Junior teams as well. I thought as Hockey Australia is a supporter of Call to Arms maybe Hockey WA can get involved somehow, maybe putting a little ad on the website. If you need any information regarding the cause or how we went about raising money you can check out their website or let me know if I can help out in any way.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Hayley Gardner  
WASPS

Congratulations to Sharron and Ross Warton-Street, on the recent birth of Nicole. Sharron is secretary and both are diligent volunteers at Fremantle Hockey Club



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