



PLAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Handball Competition

— **Victoria Vase** —

&

— **Victoria Shield** —

1. Disclaimer

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2. Purpose

The Victoria Vase & Shield competition is intended to be the premier competition for Women's & Men's handball in Victoria.

The purpose of these competitions is to provide a viable, professional competition for club level, amateur handball players to compete against each other in a fun, competitive and respectful environment. It also serves as a development base and source of players for Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. representative teams¹.

It is also intended to be a source of teams for the Australian Club Championships (Men and Women) and the Oceania Qualification Support Tournaments.

As the premier competition of the peak body for the sport in Victoria it is the expectation of the AHF that any Victorian based players looking to participate in any Australian Representative Handball Squad will be a participant in the Victoria Vase or Victoria Shield Competitions.

3. Definitions

AHF	Australian Handball Federation
AGM	Annual General Meeting
HVPA	Handball Victoria Players Association Inc.
Club	Melbourne Handball Club, Monash United Handball Club, Melbourne Dolphins Handball Club or other similar organisation.
Committee	Handball Victoria Operating Committee
Competition Management	Handball Victoria Operating Committee or nominated delegate

¹ Specifically teams competing at the Australian Junior Handball Championships, Australian Senior Handball Championships and Australian Beach Handball Championships.

4. Structure

Administrative

The competition is run by Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. It is overseen by the Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. Operating Committee. Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. may appoint a delegate to manage the competition operations. This person will have the title of Competition Manager - Victoria Vase and Victoria Shield. On any given competition day there will be a delegate of the Committee present.

Individuals or clubs wishing to have input in to the competitions are welcome to do so and may achieve this via a number of mechanisms. Clubs are welcome to apply for Affiliate Club membership with Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. Such membership gives the club a voting seat on the Committee. Similarly, individuals are welcome to apply for Committee positions via the Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. AGM. Alternatively individual members, affiliated clubs or entrant teams may make written submissions to the Committee at any time.

Contact information will be published on appropriate documentation or on the competition web site (see 'Communication' below). As part of such communication the author may request to be heard in person at the next Operating Committee Meeting.

Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. values open and honest communication. As a result anyone with any issue, suggestion, comment or grievance is encouraged to talk to any of its members at any time. Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. is a proud affiliate of the AHF and is subject to its rules, procedures and disciplinary actions. Contact details for the AHF can be found at www.handballaustralia.org.au

Competition

The competition will be split in to two individual seasons. These will be known as the "Autumn Season" played during semester one, and "Spring Season" played during semester two. No results will be carried over from the Autumn Season to the Spring Season.

5. Communication

Each entered team will be asked to nominate 1 key contact to receive urgent or critical communications from the Competition Management, or Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. Committee. General information related to the competition will be published on the competition web site. www.handballvictoria.org.au



Clubs and members are encouraged to submit stories, news, photos or other information to be published on the website.

6. Venue

The 2010 Spring venue is...

Darebin Community Sports Stadium - YMCA Victoria
857 Plenty Road, Reservoir 3073
Ph: 9471 4936 Fax: 9471 7130
<http://www.darebin.ymca.org.au>

7. Officials

There will be a Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. Committee Member present at all matches.

Each team will be required to provide bench officials and refereeing officials for the competition and will be rostered on the fixture. Referee officials will be paid a \$10.00 payment per match completed. (Referees must provide their account details on the score sheet to receive their payments {Referees that do not provide their account details on the score sheet will donate their payment back to HVPA})

Teams that fail to provide their appointed official as per the fixture will be penalised with a \$10.00 penalty per official. Teams may use other team's officials to cover their duties as per the fixture.

8. Rules of Play

The Rules of Play will be, where practicable, the most recent revision of those issued by the IHF. Where conflict occurs between this document and the IHF rules the statements of this document take precedence.

9. Match Day Schedule

Matches will be played on Sundays, the court will be available from 1200 to 1700 each Match Day. Based on the team entry information provided by clubs, there will be Three Matches played per week. Matches will commence at 1210, and run through till 1700. The clock will start on time for all matches. Any team not ready to start within 5 minutes of the start of the clock will be awarded a forfeit.

Unfortunately there is no room on the playing surface for teams to warm up while other matches are in progress. Where possible a short warm up period will

be provided between matches. Otherwise teams will need to prepare away from the playing surface.

Each Match will be played over two, 25 minute halves, with a 5 minute half time. The match clock will stop for Time Outs (approx 2 minutes), 7 metre penalties, injuries and any other events that the referees deem warranted (as per IHF Rules).

During Round Matches no extra time will be played. In the event the scores are level at the conclusion of normal time the result will be recorded as a draw. Official Score Sheets will be made available at 1200 on each match day. These will have been printed on or around the Thursday prior to the match day. Printed on the sheets will be all of the registered players for the relevant teams. Any player not on the sheet will only play by agreement with the Competition Management (and payment of the registration fee).

10. Registered Players

Only individuals who are player members of Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. are eligible to play in the Victoria Vase or Victoria Shield competitions.

Information related to player memberships is available on our website www.handballvictoria.org.au

Each player will be part of a team list. Players can only play in point score matches for the team on whose list they appear, with the exception of circumstances outlined in 'Player Substitutions' below.

To transfer a player(s) from one list to another a written application must be made to the competition management or HVPA committee. This must be done after mutual agreement has been reached by officials from all clubs of that competition (i.e. All Women's or all Men's as appropriate) No player transfers will be permitted in the 5 weeks prior to the commencement of the finals series.

11. Player Substitutions

Each team must have at least 4 court players plus a goalkeeper to compete. In the event that a team cannot field 5 court players from its list of registered players for a match, then they may include a maximum of one registered player, from a different team of the same club, in the line-up for that match only. So long as the total number of court players for this team does not exceed that of the opposition less one. For example: If Melbourne Glory are playing Monash. Glory have only 4 court players from there list. If Monash have 6 (or more) court players Glory can invite a player from the Melbourne Power Team List to

play with them in this match. Making it 5 against 6 (court players). If Monash have 4 court players Glory must also play with 4. If Monash have 5 court players Glory must play with 4.

At any point of the game the goalkeeper must be a member of the Registered Playing List for that Team. Goalkeepers cannot be a member of another playing list. Forfeited games will still require full payment from both teams (See 20 & 22 below).

12. Point Score

Competition points will be awarded as follows.

Win - 4 points, Draw - 2 points, Bye - 2 points, Loss - 1 point, Forfeit² - 0 points.

All teams, except for the last placed team in a competition with an odd number of entrants, will play finals. In the event that the second and third (or fourth and fifth) placed teams have equal competition points at the conclusion of the Round Matches then the team with the better goal difference will be regarded as finishing higher. In the event that the goal difference is equal the higher number of goals scored will finish higher. If the absolute and relative goal difference is equal then the team who recorded the most recent win between the two teams will finish higher.

13. Uniforms

All teams will be expected to wear matching playing shirts. It is expected that these shirts meet the requirements laid out in Sections 4.7 and 4.8 of the IHF rules for indoor handball.

Teams wishing to use pre-existing uniforms that do not meet these requirements should discuss their situation with competition management and the HVPA committee. It is expected that teams will make efforts to have matching shorts.

No statistics will be recorded for any player not in uniform.

Goal deductions will be issued for any player, or team, not wearing appropriate uniform. See section 22 below. Unless prior arrangement has been made.

14. Finals Structure

It is proposed to **not** run a traditional semi-final then final structure.

For the **Autumn and Spring** Season a single week of finals will be run. 1st V 2nd from the Round Matches Competition point score for Competition Champions. In

² A forfeit will be recorded as a 30-0 goal score for Men and 20-0 goal score for Women. The Team which does not forfeit will be awarded a win.



the event that the score is equal at the conclusion of normal time then 5 minutes extra time will be played. If still equal then a 5 shot 7 metre penalty shoot out will be played. If still equal a sudden death 7 metre shoot out will continue until a result is achieved. Note: Each player must shoot at least once before any player from the same team can take a second shot.

15. Finals Eligibility

To be eligible to play in the finals series a player must have been on the playing list for that team for at least four matches throughout the season.

16. Presentation night & AGM

A presentation night and AGM will be held on the Friday night or Saturday Night after the finals. Date, Time, Venue will be advertised before the completion of the end of the season.

The overall champion Women's team will be awarded the Victoria Vase. The overall champion Men's team will be awarded the Victoria Shield. In each case the winning team will retain the title for one year. Individual trophies will be awarded to the members of the champion teams.

17. Development Rounds

It is hoped to incorporate at least one development round in to the competition schedule. The game will involve playing a round of matches in a Victorian regional centre or similar. It may also include one or more exhibition matches (against local teams) or coaching clinics.

If teams are interested in playing or developing exhibition games or clinics please provide your written proposal to HVPA committee.

18. Schedule of Costs (incurred by competition)

Court hire - \$61 per hour. 5 hours per week. \$305 per week.

Referees - \$10 per referee, per game. 2 referees per game, 3 games per week.
\$60 per week.

Line Marking - 220m per week. 20c per metre. \$44 per week

Trophies - Individual Trophies - \$400 (per season)

Insurance - Nil. (Membership fees cover insurance through AHF)

19. Schedule of Fees (charged by competition)

Weekly Team Payment (Each competition week) - \$50

Team Entry Fee	Prior to 1 st August	From 1 st August
	Spring Season	Spring Season
Affiliated Club Team	\$30	\$50
Stand Alone (Non Affiliated Club)	\$100	\$125
School or Regional Team ³	\$60	\$85

All weekly payments must be made in advance. Credit may be offered⁴ up to a maximum of 2 match payments. After this time the team will not be permitted to take the court until they are at least 2 weeks in advance.

All scheduled matches must be paid for. In the event of a forfeit the forfeiting team will be fined. The fine amount will then be credited to the team which did not forfeit the match. The team which did not forfeit must still pay the weekly fee prior to the credit being made. (See 'Schedule of fines' below).

20. Insurance

As members of Handball Victoria Players Association Inc. individuals are affiliated with the Australian Handball Federation. As a result the competitions and its participants (including coaches and officials so long as they are members) are covered by the AHF's insurance policy provided by OAMPS insurance.

Details of the policy can be found at

<http://www.oamps.com.au/Default.aspx?alias=www.oamps.com.au/handballaus> It should be noted that no policy is perfect or absolute. All sports injury policies only apply once Medicare, private health cover and any other applicable compensatory avenues have been exhausted.

21. Schedule of fines

- Players not in matching playing shirt - 2 goals per player per match.
- Players in shorts of non-uniform colour - 1 goal per player per match.
- Forfeit within 24 hours of match time - \$20
- Forfeit after match clock commencement - \$50

³ Designation at the discretion of Competition Management

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All fines are at the discretion of Competition Management and HVPA Committee. Notice of all fines will be made at the time of the infringement or at the conclusion of the match in which the infringement occurs. All fines must be paid prior to the commencement of the next match week.

22. Code of Conduct

It is expected that all players and officials will conduct themselves professionally and with a spirit of sportsmanship. Any behaviour contrary to this may be subject to disciplinary action. Such action will typically be in the form of match suspensions, however may include competition bans or any other action deemed appropriate by the Competition Management or HVPA Committee.

The Handball Victoria Codes of Conduct for Players and Officials can be found at www.handballvictoria.org.au

Appendix A: Schedule of weeks

Fixture to be inserted here along with event information the website www.handballvictoria.org.au

Revisions

	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Key Changes</u>
0	Discussion Draft	23 January 2009	Original Issue
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