TEAM CASTLEMAINE – Indoor Hockey 2026

TEAM ENTRY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Team Castlemaine is delighted to be offering an Indoor League Competitions from October to December in 2026.

This document outlines the competitions available, team entry processes and fees for the Indoor League Competitions in 2026.

2026 AGE ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of determining player age eligibility the following shall apply for the 2026 HV Indoor competitions:

Age Group	**Years of Birth**
Under 12 competitions:	Born on or after 1 January 2014
Under 15 competitions:	Born on or after 1 January 2011
Adult and social competitions:	Any age
Masters 35+	Born on or before 1991

TEAM ENTRY TIMELINE

The following timeline provides key dates that clubs and teams must be aware of:

Thursday	06/08/2026	Expressions of Interest open
Monday	17/08/2026	Expressions of interest close
Wednesday	19/08/2026	Registrations Open
Monday	31/08/2026	Registrations Closed
September	Tbc	Come & Try sessions
Friday	18/09/2026	Draft Fixture Circulated
Friday	25/09/2026	Final Fixture Released on website (teamc.com.au)
Week beginning	06/10/2026	Indoor Competitions Commence

Team Withdrawn between 01/09 and 17/09	25% of Full Team Entry Payable
Team Withdrawn between 18/09 and 24/09	75% of Full Team Entry Payable
Team Withdrawn after 24/09 and start of specific competition	Full Team Entry Payable
Team Withdrawn After Commencement of Competition	Full Team Entry Payable
Late Team Entry	Full Team Entry payable + strictly dependant on availability

**Please note these dates may be subject to change*

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TEAM ENTRY LINK

The deadlines for submitting team entries will strictly be 11.59pm on Monday 31 August 2026.

All teams must be entered through the following website: https://teamc.com.au/indoor2026eoi/

For any late team entries, please email indoor@teamc.com.au as soon as possible.

TEAM ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

Team entry costs covers administration, balls boards and venue hire.

Team Castlemaine will issue invoices accordingly.

Please note, as outlined below in the section titled Umpire Payments, there are requirements to pay umpires at the completion of each match. Umpire payment is on top of the team entry fees that TeamC charge and is paid directly to the rostered umpires.

COMPETITION OFFERINGS & TEAM ENTRY FEES

Senior Indoor League

League	Day	Approximate Time	Venue	Rounds	Team Entry Fee (inc. GST)
Women's - A League	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	10-11 Rounds (including finals)	$700 (estimate)
Mixed – A League	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	10-11 Rounds (including finals)	$700 (estimate)
Mixed - Social	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	10-11 Rounds (including finals)	$700 (estimate)
Masters (35+) – Mixed	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	10-11 Rounds (including finals)	$700 (estimate)
Under 15s – Mixed	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	10-11 Rounds (including finals)	$525 (estimate)
Under 12s - Mixed	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	10-11 Rounds (including finals)	$525 (estimate)
Boomerang Program	Tbc	Tbc	Harcourt Valley Primary School	Tbc	Tbc

INDOOR FIXTURES & RESULTS

In 2026, all Indoor Hockey fixtures and results will appear on the Team Castlemaine website (http://teamc.com.au)

2026 INDOOR COMPETITION LOCAL RULES

Matches will be played in accordance with the FIH Rules of Indoor Hockey 2023 and with Hockey Victoria Rules & Regulations except as stated otherwise by these rules.

Match Duration

- All competitions will consist of 4 x 10-minute quarters; with 1 minutes for quarter time, 3 minutes for half-time and a minimum of 10 minutes in between matches.
- Time will start at the fixture start time.
- The umpires may stop the match as they see fit, but there will be no stoppages of the clock at any stage.

Equipment Requirements

For all competitions, players must:

- Wear non-marking shoes
- Have cloth/strapping tape (not electrical tape) under stick to assist in protecting the surface
- Shin pads
- Mouth guard
- A strong preference for FULL protective left-hand glove
- A strong preference for Indoor Hockey sticks with tape

Umpires will be directed to enforce these requirements

Number of Players on the Pitch

- All Competitions five (5) players on the pitch.

Team Benches

- Each team may utilise a maximum of 8 players in any one match.
- Each team may also have up to three (3) team officials. These may consist of Coach, Assistant Coach & Team Manager. Teams may have a 4th team official on the bench only if that person is a doctor or physiotherapist for the team.

Teams & Player Eligibility

- A minimum of four (4) players are required to commence a match.
- A forced forfeit is issued to a team has less than four (4) players on the pitch prior to 10 minutes into the scheduled match start time. A Forced Forfeit results in a 5 – 0 win for their opponent.

Doubling Up

- A team can have a maximum of two (2) Double up players in Senior Indoor League and three (3) double up players in Junior Indoor League competitions playing in the team in any single round.

- No permission to play the second game is required but the team sheet must clearly notate the double up with (DU). But, the opposing team manager/coach should be advised in advance of the game of the 2 double up players as a matter of courtesy.
- Double Up Goalkeepers (DGK) will not count towards a team's maximum number of double up players in any single round.

Maximum Number of Matches per Round

- A player is only permitted to play a maximum of 2 matches per round in any competition section.

Some scenarios as examples:

- Scenario 1 – an Under 16 player, could play in their regular Under 16 team then double up into their club's Under 18 team. They could then also play seniors in that same round (as seniors in a different competition section). This would mean they have played 3 games in total, but a maximum of 2 in the one competition section (juniors).
- Scenario 2 – an Under 14 Girl could play in their regular Under 14 team then double up into their club's Under 16 Girls team. Alternatively, they could play Under 14 Girls and double up into one of their club's mixed teams. But, they cannot play more than 2 matches in any round across the Mixed Junior and Girls Junior Competitions. As with scenario one, they could play seniors on top of the two junior matches if they wished to.

Finals Eligibility

- No player shall be eligible to play in finals game with any particular team unless they have played at least a third (33 and 1/3 percent) matches as a registered member with that team (i.e. listed on the online team sheet).

Result Recording

- The home team is responsible for submitting the match report to Team Castlemaine.
- All results are required to be submitted by 11:00am on the second business day following the match.
- Failure to comply with the above will incur a fine of $50 per offence.

Requirement:	Deadline:	Penalty:
Team List & Match Result (All Regular Round Matches)	11am on the 2nd business day after the match	$50 fine
Team List & Match Result (All Finals Series Matches)	11am on the 1st business day after the match	Match Forfeit + $50 fine
Match Dispute Lodgement	11am on the 3rd business day after the match	N/A
Early Notice Walkover	Notification to TeamC prior to 12pm on the business day immediately prior to the match	$50 fine
Late Notice Walkover	Notification to TeamC after 12pm on the business day immediately prior to the match	$100 fine

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Match Report Sheets

- Each home team must ensure match report sheets are fully completed and signed by umpires at the conclusion of each match. These match sheets must be submitted to TeamC.
- Team sheet template can be found below as Appendix A.
- All empty rows (and players that did not participate in the match) on the team list on the match report sheet should be crossed through on the signing of the sheets.
- Numbers are not required for any competition.

Umpires

Officiating umpires will be responsible for:

1. Keeping time for each match.
2. Ensuring all players on the pitch are wearing the appropriate attire/protective equipment.
3. Keeping a record of the goals scored throughout the match.
4. Ensuring all match sheets are fully and correctly completed and signed at the completion of each match.

Payment of Umpires

Where a club does not provide their own umpire for a match, payment of umpires is the responsibility of clubs immediately post-match and is in addition to the Team Entry Fee. These costs are:

Senior Indoor League:	$30 per
Junior Indoor League:	$25 per

For finals, independent umpires will be appointed.

Rostering of Umpires

It is the expectation that each team will provide an umpire for a previous or subsequent match. If they are unable to do so, please contact TeamC atleast 2 business days prior to the match, and the above payments will be incurred.

Goalkeepers

- Teams can choose to play with a Goalkeeper as one of their 5 players on the pitch, or to have 5 field players.

Boomerang Program

Depending on numbers, we may run a beginner junior program for 5 – 10 year olds.

Temporary Suspensions (Cards)

- Any player temporarily suspended will spend that time located at the Technical Bench (or a place as advised by the umpires).
- The duration of the temporary suspensions will be as follows:
    - Green Card: 1 minute
    - Yellow Card: Minimum 2 minutes
    - Red Card: No further participation in the match. Any further match suspensions will be at the discretion of Hockey Victoria.

Timeouts

There are NO Time Outs in Indoor Competitions run by Hockey Victoria.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Players will need to be registered with a club that resides under a Hockey Victorian association, with one of the following playing registrations to be eligible to participate in this indoor competition:

- 2026 Junior Playing Registration (18 years & under)
- 2026 Senior Playing Registration (19 years & Older)
- Hockey Central Victoria Summer/Indoor Levy (18 years & Under)
- Hockey Central Victoria Summer/Indoor Levy (19 years & Older)

CONTACT DETAILS

Should you have any further queries, please email: indoor@teamc.com.au

APPENDIX 1 – TEAM C - INDOOR HOCKEY COMPETITION - TEAM SHEET

Round:	Date:	Starting Time:
Age Group:	Grade:	

Home Team:

Shirt No	GK/C/	Surname	First Name	Goals	Green Card	Yellow Card	Red Card

Away Team:

Shirt No	GK/C/	Surname	First Name	Goals	Green Card	Yellow Card	Red Card

Match Result:	Home Score:	Away Score:

Umpire Signature:	Name:	Club:
Umpire Signature:	Name:	Club:

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Home Captain:	Name:	Signature:

MVP Votes

Votes	Surname	First Name	Club
3 Votes			
2 Votes			
1 Vote			

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