

## **Green Triangle superleague proposal.**

The idea is to have a superleague in the south west involving Warrnambool, Hamilton, Portland, Mt Gambier and Horsham.

This is a large area to cover and one of the limitations to doing this in the past has been due to travel. This superleague will minimize travel times to be no more than 1 hour and 20 minutes. To do this certain teams that are further than that distance apart could meet at a hockey hub, which would be Hamilton. This makes sense also that Hamilton has 2 hockey fields that can handle a larger number of games.

So, if there was less than 1 hour 20 minutes travel between locations the teams could alternate between fields, eg Hamilton could come to Warrnambool to play. Where the travel time is over 1 hour and 20 minutes the 2 teams could meet at Hamilton to play eg Warrnambool would play Mt Gambier at Hamilton.

To trial this superleague I would propose that it be carried out as a nreseason for 2022, starting on the February 20th and running for 8 weeks before ending on the weekend of April 9th. If the idea was successful, it may be considered to roll into the winter season as some sort of hybrid model.

Getting teams that early in the season may be a challenge. The suggestion would be to pool teams from different associations, for example rather than having a technique team you could have a Warrnambool team made up of the different teams. This would allow the creation of different age divisions or different levels (eg A and B division) as the lack of divisions in some associations may prevent new people coming along to play hockey.

The proposed divisions could be:

Under 12 girls or boys or mixed

Under 14 girls or boys or mixed

Under 16 girls or boys or mixed

Mens A and B division

Womens A and B division

Over 40s Mens

Over 40s Womens

So far the association that have agreed to be involved are:

Glenelg Hockey Association - Contact: Peter Mussen (President) 0427761220

Mt Gambier Hockey Association - Contact: Lochie Nesbit (President) 0403208439

Waiting to hear back from Horsham.

The competition could be managed virtually with each association having a representative that meets online to discuss how the competition could be run. Hockey associations are now organising summer competitions so if this was to go ahead organising would need to be in place asap.