

HAMPSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

School Competition Rules

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Rules of the HHA School Competitions

1. Definitions

- a. "The Hampshire Hockey Association" shall mean the county association as represented by the Executive Council.
- b. "Qualifying Schools" shall mean any School affiliated to the Hampshire Hockey Association.
- c. The 'Junior Competitions Administrator' is appointed by the HHA to administer the day-to-day running of the competitions.
- d. "The HHA website" shall mean the official county website on www.hampshireha.co.uk.
- e. All communication to the Junior Competitions Administrator shall be by email to: juniors@hampshireha.co.uk

2. General

- a. All matches shall be played under the Rules of Hockey, except as provided in these rules.
- b. The Code of Ethics and Behaviour of England Hockey shall be applied at all matches.

3. Objective of the Competitions

The prime objective of the school competitions is to provide junior hockey playing opportunities for schools affiliated to the Hampshire Hockey Association. All those involved, whether playing or assisting in the running of the competition should always consider this in their actions.

4. Competitions

The competitions covered by these rules are:

1. U18 Boys Cup
2. U16 Boys Cup
3. U16 Boys Trophy
4. U14 Boys Cup
5. U14 Boys Trophy
6. U13 Boys In2Hockey
7. U13 Boys 7s Festival
8. U11 Boys In2Hockey
9. U18 Girls Cup
10. U16 Girls Cup
11. U16 Girls Trophy
12. U14 Girls Cup

13. U14 Girls Trophy
14. U13 Girls In2Hockey
15. U13 Girls 7s Festival
16. U11 Girls In2Hockey

5. Management

- a. The competitions shall be managed by the Junior Competitions Administrator, who will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the competitions.

6. Entry & Eligibility

- a. Competition dates will be set each season by the Junior Competitions Administrator, with collaboration from the School Prime Contacts and advised by the 15th May for the following season.
- b. Schools must enter their teams using the Hampshire web system as advised by the Junior Competitions Administrator and by the date set.
- c. The competitions shall be open to teams of the relevant age group and gender from any Hampshire HA Affiliated School.
- d. No team shall participate in more than one Competition.
- e. Players:
 - i. must be bona fide students of their school.
 - ii. Players are allowed to represent their school in up to 2 age groups.
- f. The Junior Competitions Administrator shall arrange, administer and run all School Competitions.

7. Format of competitions

- a. All competitions will be one-day tournaments. Once all entries have been confirmed the Junior Competitions Administrator will put together the playing schedule for each competition, which will be emailed to all the relevant teams ten days prior to the competition.
- b. Where entries exceed 6 teams, they will be split into pools, there will be pool matches followed by a quarter final (if needed), semi-final and final.
- c. Where entries are 6 or less teams will play a round robin and the team with the most points will be declared the winner.
- d. The scoring system will be 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
- b. If scores are level at the end of full time in the quarter-final, semi-final or final, the winner shall be determined by a barrage of 5 penalty strokes for each team, followed if necessary by 'sudden death' penalty strokes. For this purpose, FIH Tournament Regulations apply.

8. Matches

- a. A squad shall consist of a maximum of 16 players in all U14, U16 and U18 Competitions. A squad shall consist of a maximum of 10 players in U11 and U13 Competitions.
- b. B or C teams participating in any competition shall mean the 2nd or lower strongest team available on any given match day assuming that the strongest available teams above them within any school have already been selected, whether or not such teams have fixtures.
- c. Players shall wear different numbered shirts.
- d. All matches shall be played on artificial turf pitches conforming to England Hockey requirements.

9. Umpires

- a. School teams will need to provide their own umpire

10. Communication

- a. Each participating school shall nominate a Junior Prime Contact for the purpose of correspondence. The Prime Contacts details MUST be entered on the school's contacts list on the Hampshire Hockey Association's website: www.hampshireha.co.uk. The contact must consist of an email address and at least one phone number.
- a. Draws, results and other details will be communicated by e-mail, and will be posted on the HHA website.

11. Finance

- a. Entry fee for Cup competitions will be £30 per team
- b. Entry fee for Trophy Competitions will be £20 per team
- c. Entry fee for In2hockey Competitions will be £25 per team
- d. Entry fee for Festivals will be £20 per team
- e. Entry fees are to be paid to, and in a manner requested by the HHA Treasurer. An invoice will usually be sent out by the HHA Treasurer to the relevant schools on 20th September.

12. Withdrawal of teams

- a. Schools will be given until the 20th of September to make changes to their competition entries. After this any teams that are withdrawn from any of the competitions will not be provided with a refund of their entry fee.

13. Protests and Appeals

- a. All questions of interpretation of these rules shall be referred to the Junior Competitions Administrator for a decision.
- b. Protests must be lodged to the Junior Competitions Administrator within seven days of the competition, or occurrence to which they refer.
- c. If the team wishes to appeal against the decision of the Junior Competitions Administrator an appeal must be lodged to the Hampshire Hockey Association within 7 days of the decision.
- d. Any protests or appeals made under this clause must be heard within one month of being lodged by the body concerned who must forward their decision to all parties within seven days of hearing such appeal.
- e. A protest or an appeal may be in writing or in person at the discretion of the Junior Competitions Administrator.
- f. An appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £50 which is refundable at the discretion of the Hampshire Hockey Association.
- g. Once an appeal had been heard the decision of the Hampshire Hockey Association shall be final and binding.