



# COMPETITION REGULATIONS

## 2017 / 2018

### Youth

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## Section 1: Hockey Wales Youth Competition Rules

### A. **WELSH UNDER 11 & UNDER 13 COMPETITION RULES VARIATIONS**

The normal rules of hockey shall apply, with the following exceptions:

1. A result shall stand if the two teams have a minimum of 5 players each playing the game.
2. Penalty Corners will be played. The defending side shall have a goalkeeper and 4 defenders behind their own goal line whilst the remaining players (two) shall go to the "D" at the other end of the pitch. These players must stay there until the ball is injected by the attacking team.
3. Penalty Strokes should be taken 5 metres from the goal.
4. Shootouts should be taken from an imaginary line approximately 5 metres from the top of the circle.
5. Long corners will be taken from an imaginary line approximately 5 metres from the top of the circle.
6. A green card will indicate a warning, not a two-minute suspension.
7. On the first occasion, a player breaks the line at a penalty corner, a warning will be issued, subsequent breaks will result in the offending player (or a nominated player, if the goalkeeper breaks the line) being sent to the "D" at the other end of the pitch.
8. **Players may not play the ball above shoulder height.**
9. Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times.
10. All players **MUST wear shin pads** and **should wear gum shields**.
11. Players should not wear jewellery likely to cause injury to other players.
12. Players should wear appropriate playing kit.

### B. **WELSH U-15 AND 18 COMPETITION RULES**

The normal rules of hockey shall apply, with the following exception:

1. Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times.
2. All players **MUST wear shin pads** and **should wear gum shields**.
3. Players should not wear jewellery likely to cause injury to other players.
4. Players should wear appropriate playing kit.



## Section 2: Hockey Wales Youth Competition Regulations

These regulations will be used for the Clubs Youth Competitions played under the auspices of Hockey Wales. In an ideal world, these regulations would be used at all levels of competition i.e. qualifying and finals, however, it is understood that due to pitch restrictions etc. it may not be possible to adhere fully to these regulations. Regulations marked with an \* may be amended for regional qualifying competitions.

### A Teams and Squad Sizes

#### Age groups are determined by the player's age on 1<sup>st</sup> September

- I. Under 11 and Under 13 (school year 6 & below) and (school year 8 & below)
  - a. Maximum squad size is 10 players
  - b. Maximum of 7 players on the pitch at any one time, one of which MUST be a fully attired goalkeeper
- II. Under 15 and Under 18 (school year 10 & below and school year 13 & below)
  - a. Maximum squad size is 16 players
  - b. Maximum of 11 players on the pitch at any one time, one of which MUST be a fully attired goalkeeper

### B Match Times and Arrangements\*

- III. Under 11 and Under 13
  - a. Competition will take place between 2 North Wales teams and 2 South Wales teams – if a region cannot fulfil their allocation of final places, the National Competitions Coordinator may offer any spare place to the other region
  - b. Matches shall be played across half a hockey pitch
  - c. Matches will be ten minutes each way with a two-minute break for half-time
  - d. First named team will start the game and provide the match ball
- IV. Under 15 and Under 18
  - a. Matches will be 35 minutes each way
  - b. The first named team will provide the match ball

### C Group & Final Placings\*

- V. Under 11 and Under 13
  - a. Teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
    - i. Three points for a win
    - ii. One point for a draw



- b. In the event of teams finishing with an equal number of points at the end of the Pool matches the ranking in the Pools shall be decided using the following criteria:
  - i. Goal difference
  - ii. Highest number of goals for
  - iii. Winner of the match between the two teams
- c. If the scores are still tied, a Shootout Competition shall take place as per regulations (3 shootouts, per team).

#### VI. Under 15 and Under 18

- a. In a round robin competition, teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
  - i. Three points for a win
  - ii. One point for a draw
- b. In the event of teams finishing with an equal number of points at the end of the Pool matches the ranking in the Pools shall be decided using the following criteria:
  - i. Goal difference
  - ii. Highest number of goals for
  - iii. Winner of the match between the two teams
- c. If the scores are still tied, a Shootout Competition shall take place as per regulations  
*Note: A Shootout competition will only be necessary if the tied teams are the two teams in contention for a qualifying spot. Any teams below the qualifying places will finish as a joint placement*
- d. In a knockout competition, if the match is level after 70 minutes, a Shootout Competition shall take place as per regulations

## D Kit

All teams entering the competition should bring a change of kit (or a minimum of a set of different coloured bibs) in case of a colour clash. In the event of a clash of colours the second named team shall change to an alternate colour.

## E Trophies / Medals\*

At each event, there will be a presentation trophy, this can be used by teams after their competition to take photos with etc. This must be returned to the National /Regional Coordinator once finished with. Winning clubs will be presented with a plaque which they can keep.



## **F. Turning Up Late \***

If a team is late turning up for a published start time then the game may be awarded as a 5 – 0 win to the opposition, this is at the discretion of the National Representative to whom responsibility has been delegated.

## **G. First Aid**

Teams should provide their own first aid kits and it is the responsibility of the teams participating in the tournament to provide their own first aid to any of their players who need it.

## **H. Umpires \***

Umpires for games may be provided; if they are not then clubs will be notified and will be expected to provide their own

## **I. Discipline**

1. The HW disciplinary code will apply to all matches
2. The HW codes of conduct will apply to all matches

## **J. Eligibility of Teams and Players / Registration**

1. Under 11 and Under 13
  - a. Players must be under 11 / 13 on 1<sup>st</sup> September in the season of the competition (school year 6 / 8 and below)
  - b. Under 11 teams will be selected according to gender. If a team does not have sufficient players of that gender, a mixed team may be entered in the boys' competition only (maximum of 2 girls), with prior approval of the National Competitions Coordinator prior to any qualifying competition (number and age of affiliated players will be checked with HW)
  - c. Players may not play in both Boys and Girls competitions within the same age group
  - d. Under 13 teams must be made up solely of same gender players
  - e. Players cannot play for more than one club in any round of the Hockey Wales Cup at any age level
  - f. Players cannot play, in any round, at any age level, if they have played in any competition, in that season, for a club which is not affiliated to Hockey Wales
  - g. Players must be registered as a playing member with their club and with HW, with the appropriate affiliation fee having been paid
  - h. Clubs who do not have sufficient players may have up to a maximum of 3 players from one other club, to make a maximum of 8 players, having applied to the National Competitions Coordinator for permission (number and age of affiliated players will be checked with HW)



## 2. Under 15 and Under 18

- a. Players must be under 15 / 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September in the season of the competition (school year 10 / 13 and below)
- b. Teams must be made up solely of same gender players
- c. Players cannot play for more than one club in any round of the Hockey Wales Cup at any age level
- d. Players cannot play, in any round, at any age level, if they have played in any competition, in that season, for a club which is not affiliated to Hockey Wales. Exception may be granted, on application to the National Competitions Coordinator, for any club with a junior section that cannot offer its players the opportunity to play Senior competitive hockey – any returning player must be able to provide proof of a previous season's junior membership, with said club. If said proof cannot be provided then it is highly unlikely that permission will be granted.
- e. Players must be registered as a playing member with their club and with HW, with the appropriate affiliation fee having been paid
- f. Clubs who do not have sufficient players may have up to a maximum of 3 players from one other club (no more than 1 of whom can be a regular NAG player), to make a maximum of 12 players, having applied to the National Competitions Coordinator for permission (number and age of affiliated players will be checked with HW).
- g. If by combining, two clubs will have sufficient players for a team, they should apply to the National Competitions Coordinator for permission (number and age of affiliated players will be checked with HW).
- h. Clubs who do not enter Youth Cup competitions, at any level, but have players eligible to play may apply for 3 players to play for another club, providing that club is not already combining with another club (see J II g).
- i. No special consideration will be given to Goal-keepers.

*Please note - permission will be declined if it is felt that clubs are asking in order to strengthen their team rather than giving opportunities to more players.*

*All applications for permission must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> December, or by a date specified by the National Competitions Coordinator.*

*The Competitions TAG would like clubs to use their own players and would expect all players playing in the final to have represented the club, at some level, over the course of the season. This will be monitored.*



Examples:

	Scenario	Result	Rationale
1	Club A has 5 players, Club B has 7 players – clubs approach National Competitions Coordinator for permission to join together.	Merger accepted for that competition only.	By joining together clubs it enables players to participate in the competition.
2	Club A has 10 players, Club B does not enter youth competitions at that level but has several players in that age group. Both clubs approach National Competitions Coordinator for permission to use 3 players from club B.	Accepted	Club A has insufficient players to put their own team in but by adding the three from club B allows all to participate.
3	Club A has 5 players, Club B has 7 players – clubs approach national competitions coordinator for permission to join together. They then approach National Competitions Coordinator to ask for permission to use 2 extra players from club C.	Denied	Only two teams are permitted to join together. Other players are signposted to another club.
4	Club A has 20 players, Club B has 2 players. Player X from Club B requests to join Club A	Denied	By player X joining club A they will be stopping an existing player from club A playing. Player X signposted to a different club.
5	Club A has 20 players but claim not to have a goalkeeper, club B does not enter youth competition but has a goalkeeper of the right age.	Denied	Same reasoning as example 4



## **K. Issues Not Covered in These Regulations**

Clubs should contact the relevant National Coordinator.

## **L. Photography Consent**

Clubs competing in the finals will need to complete a photography consent form before the event. This should be returned to the National/Regional Coordinator before the event. Failure to return the form may result in the team being withdrawn from the competition.

## **M. Penalties**

If it is found that an ineligible player(s) has played in the Finals, the team's result(s) will be null and void with any trophies handed back and awarded to the relevant opponent(s). The matter will be reported to HW who reserves the right to take further sanctions should they deem it necessary including imposing a ban on the offending club / team.

## **N. Fines**

Clubs who withdraw from any round of any Competition may be fined up to a maximum of £150

In the case of serious or repeated offences the TAG retains the right to impose additional penalties which may include increased fines as well as the option to ban or suspend clubs or teams from entering competitions.

## **O. Disputes / Appeals**

1. Any complaint that may arise relating to these regulations or other matters relating to this competition will only be considered if it is sent in writing to the Hockey Wales Competitions TAG Chair within 48 hours of the event / decision.
2. The Hockey Wales Competitions TAG shall determine the actions to be taken.
3. Clubs shall have the right to appeal to the HW Competitions TAG or to the HW Board, and the procedures for this are laid down in the HW Right of Appeal.

## **P. General**

1. Participating teams must be aware of Hockey Wales Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Anti-Doping Policy, Disciplinary Policy, and all Codes of Conduct, all of which will apply to each match.
2. The Competitions TAG shall determine the action to be taken for any matter not specifically covered by these regulations and should issues arise on the day, the organiser / such person(s) as the Competitions TAG has delegated to assist with the running of the competition, shall determine the action to be taken.



## Competitions TAG June 2017 (updated November 2017)

HW Competitions TAG Chair:	Sheila Morrow
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U11 / U13 Girls	John Taylor
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North	NW Competitions Group
South	Chris Despres

### **Appendix** (from FIH General Tournament Regulations – August 2017)

In a shoot-out competition, five players from each team take a one-on-one shoot-out alternately against a defender from the other team as set out in this Regulation. The shoot-out competition comprises all series of shoot-outs required to determine a result.

The following sets out both the playing Rules and the procedures to be followed.

- 1 If the shoot-out competition takes place after the end of a match, the first shoot-out should take place within four (4) minutes of the end of regulation playing time.
- 2 The respective Team Managers provide five players to take and one player to defend the shoot-outs from those on the Match Report except as excluded below. A player nominated to defend the shoot-outs can also be nominated to take a shoot-out. No substitutions / replacements are permitted during the shoot-out competition other than as specified below.
- 3 A player who is still serving a disciplinary suspension by the Technical Delegate at the time the shoot-out competition takes place or has been



excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition, cannot take part in that shoot-out competition. A player who has been warned (green card) or temporarily suspended (yellow card) may take part in the shout-out competition even if the period of their suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.

- 4 The Technical Delegate will specify the method of timing shoot-outs taking account of the facilities available and the need to control time accurately.
- 5 The Technical Delegate will specify the goal to be used.
- 6 A coin is tossed; the team which wins the toss has the choice to take or defend the first shoot-out.
- 7 All persons listed on the Match Report other than any player who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition are permitted to enter the field of play outside the 23m area used for the shoot-out but must be at least 10 metres from the spot where the ball is placed at the start of the shoot-out.
- 8 The goalkeeper / defending player of the team taking a shoot-out shall wait on the back-line outside the circle.
- 9 A player taking or defending a shoot-out may enter the 23m area for that purpose.
- 10 Players taking a shoot-out and also defending the shoot-outs taken by opponents are allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put back on their protective equipment.
- 11 Five players from each team take a shoot-out alternately against the goalkeeper / defending player of the other team making a total of 10 shoot-outs.
- 13 Taking a shoot-out:



- a the goalkeeper / defending player starts on or behind the goal-line between the goal posts;
  - b the ball is placed on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal;
  - c an attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball;
  - d the Umpire blows the whistle to start time;
  - e an official at the technical table starts the clock;
  - f the attacker and the goalkeeper / defending player may then move in any direction;
  - g the shoot-out is completed when:
    - i 8 seconds has elapsed since the starting signal
    - ii a goal is scored;
    - iii the attacker commits an offence;
    - iv the goalkeeper / defending player commits an unintentional offence inside or outside the circle in which case the shoot-out is re-taken by the same player against the same goalkeeper/defending player;
    - v the goalkeeper / defending player commits an intentional offence inside or outside the circle, in which case a penalty stroke is awarded and taken;
    - vi the ball goes out of play over the back-line or side-line; this includes the goalkeeper / defending player intentionally playing the ball over the back-line.
- 14 If a penalty stroke is awarded as specified above, it can be taken and defended by any eligible player on the Match Report subject to the provisions of Articles 17, 18 and 19 of this Appendix.
- 15 The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has untaken shoot-outs available) is the winner.



- 16 A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
- 17 If during a shoot-out competition (including during any penalty stroke which is awarded) a player is suspended by a yellow or red card:
  - a that player takes no further part in that shoot-out competition and, unless a goalkeeper / defending player, cannot be replaced;
  - b the replacement for a suspended goalkeeper / defending player can only come from the five players of that team nominated to take part in the shoot-out competition:
    - i the replacement goalkeeper / defending player is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the goalkeeper/defending player they are replacing was wearing;
    - ii for taking their own shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
  - c any shoot-out due to be taken by a suspended player is forfeited; any goals scored by this player before being suspended count as a goal.
- 18 If during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper / defending player is incapacitated:
  - a that goalkeeper / defending player may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the Match Report for that particular match, except as excluded in this Appendix or unless suspended by an Umpire during the shoot-out competition;
  - b the replacement goalkeeper:
    - i is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the incapacitated goalkeeper / defending player was wearing;
    - ii if this replacement is also nominated to take a shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.



- 19 If during a shoot-out competition, an attacker is incapacitated, that attacker may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the Match Report for that particular match, except as excluded above or unless suspended by an Umpire during the shoot-out competition.
  
- 20 If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken five shoot-outs:
  - a a second series of five shoot-outs is taken with the same players, subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix;
  - b the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same as in the first series;
  - c the team whose player took the first shoot-out in a series defends the first shoot-out of the next series;
  
  - d when one team has scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after each team has taken the same number of shoot-outs, not necessarily being all five shoot-outs, that team is the winner.
  
- 21 If an equal number of goals are scored after a second series of five shoot-outs, additional series of shoot-outs are taken with the same players subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix:
  - a the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same in any subsequent series;
  - b the team which starts each shoot-out series alternates for each series.
  
- 22 Unless varied by this Appendix, the Rules of Hockey apply during a shoot-out.