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# SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

## 2020 / 2021 Boys



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## 2020 – 2021

These regulations will be used for the U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 Boys Schools 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

### U12 and U14 Competitions

The FIH Rules of Hockey shall apply, with the following exceptions:

- 1 Matches shall be played across half a hockey pitch
- 2 All matches shall be 7-a-side though squads of up to 10 players will be permitted for the National Finals
- 3 A result shall stand if the two teams have a minimum of 5 players each playing the game
- 4 Players must be under 12 / 14 on 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year of competition (school year 7 / 9 and below)
- 5 Matches will be 10 minutes each way with a two-minute break for half-time
- 6 Teams will consist only of boys
- 7 **Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times**
- 8 Teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match
  - a) Three points for a win
  - b) One point for a draw
- 9 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:
  - a) Goal difference
  - b) Highest number of goals for
  - c) Winner of the match between the two teams

If the scores are still tied, a set of 3 shoot-outs will be taken, then sudden death shoot-outs will be taken by the same 3 players (see separate shoot-out regulations)

Note: A shoot-out competition will only be necessary if it affects progress to the next round or medal winning positions in the national finals

- 10 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

- 11 Penalty strokes should be taken 5 metres from the goal
- 12 Long corners will be taken from an imaginary line approximately 5 metres from the top of the circle – this imaginary line will also be classed as the 23m area and normal rules of hockey shall apply
- 13 A green card will indicate a warning, not a two-minute suspension
- 14 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
- 15 Players may **not** play the ball above shoulder height

### U16 and U18 Competitions

The FIH Rules of Hockey shall apply, with the following exceptions:

- 1 A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team may be entered by each school.
- 2 Players must be school year 11 / 13 and below in the year of competition  
  
All players must attend the participating school / college – the exception to this rule is that if a player has transferred to another school / college that is NOT participating in that particular age group, then he will be allowed to play for his previous school / college provided the HW National Schools Coordinator is informed in advance
- 3 Teams will consist only of boys
- 4 **Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times**
- 5 The format of the regional qualifying tournaments will be determined by the Schools Regional Competitions Coordinators
- 6 If using a Pool format – teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
  - a) Three points for a win
  - b) One point for a draw
- 7 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:
  - a) Goal difference
  - b) Highest number of goals for
  - c) Winner of the match between the two teams

If the scores are still tied, a set of 5 shoot-outs will be taken, then sudden death shoot-outs will be taken by the same 5 players (see separate shoot-out regulations)

Note: A shoot-out competition will only be necessary if it affects progress to the next round or medal winning positions in the national finals

## General

- 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 It is recommended that players wear face masks when defending penalty corners
- 4 Players should not wear jewellery likely to cause injury to other players
- 5 Players should wear appropriate playing kit
- 6 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
- 7 Participating schools must be aware of HW Policies and Procedures (including Codes of Conduct, Safeguarding, Disciplinary) which will apply to all matches
- 8 The Competitions TAG shall determine the action to be taken for any matter not specifically covered by these regulations
- 9 Should issues arise on the day, the TD shall determine the action to be taken – if no TD is appointed, 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

HW Competitions TAG

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