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SENIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2020 / 2021 Indoor (Men & Women)



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1. Preamble

These Regulations are applicable to the National Indoor Competitions played within the control of Hockey Wales (HW) and should be read in conjunction with any individual tournament regulations

2. Management and Control

- 2.1 Shall be invested in the HW National Competitions Coordinators
- 2.2 The HW Competitions Technical Action Group (TAG) may appoint Coordinators to assist in the organisation of individual competitions

3. Entry

- 3.1 Any club affiliated with HW may enter
- 3.2 Entry form(s) and any entry fees as advised by HW shall be sent to HW by the designated date on the entry form
- 3.3 All monies will be controlled by HW
- 3.4 All Clubs and players must pay the current HW affiliation fees by 31st October
- 3.5 Clubs with any outstanding debt to HW from previous season / competitions may not be eligible to enter
- 3.6 No Clubs may enter more than one team in the National Finals
Once a player has played for one indoor club they will not be allowed to play for another indoor club in either qualifying or final tournaments during the season
- 3.7 If a Club enters a competition whereby the winners are invited to participate in a European competition the club, on entering that competition, accepts that European entry is an absolute expectation should they win that competition. Should the invitation be declined then penalties will be imposed. The only grounds for declining to enter a European competition are if that Club has qualified for both the Indoor and an Outdoor competition in the same season. Should this situation arise then HW will seek a replacement which will, where possible, be the runner-up in the relevant Welsh competition
- 3.8 Players are encouraged to play for their own club but may play for other clubs. **Players wishing to play for another club, must have the approval of the club to which they are affiliated.** All participating clubs must advise the respective competition coordinator of their list of players 14 days (or as otherwise advised) before the competition, together with the relevant fee, and a list detailing the player's usual club, It is the club's responsibility to ensure that any guest players are fully affiliated with HW
- 3.9 Players under 13 years of age, on the day of the competition, are not eligible to play in Senior Competitions

- 3.10 National finals shall consist of a maximum of six teams
- (i) This will be made up of 1 x North Wales representative and 5 x South Wales representatives
 - (ii) No team can reach a national final without having first played a suitable qualifying competition – it is the responsibility of the region to provide suitable qualifying competition to determine who their representatives are
 - (iii) Should a region fail to fulfil their number of allocated places then the competition coordinator may offer any spare places to the other region

4. Format of the Competition

The format of the competition will be determined by the competitions coordinator and be dependent on (but not limited to):

- (i) Number of teams
- (ii) Availability of facilities

5. Rules of Play

- 5.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Hockey as issued by the FIH unless otherwise advised by the National Competitions Coordinator (e.g. length of playing / rest periods may be varied)
- 5.2 In the event of HW adopting experimental rules, matches will be played to such rules during their currency
- 5.3 Competition finals may use in whole, or part, any competition specific regulations as provided by EHF or FIH

6. Dates of Matches

- 6.1 Finals shall be played on the dates designated in the HW priority calendar
- 6.2 Qualifying events held by regions must be completed before this date

7. Priority

- 7.1 Indoor finals shall take priority over all other hockey played under the auspices of HW
- 7.2 No postponement in the event of a clash with a re-arranged league match will be allowed where the respective HW competition date has been advised in the Priority Calendar as initially published
- 7.3 Exceptions: NAGs and Senior / U21 national squads, training and matches, may have priority provided that these dates are included in the Priority Calendar as initially published

8. Venues

The Competition TAG will decide on the venue for the finals

9. Matches – Postponement, Failure to fulfil, Conceding, Abandonment

- 9.1 There will be no postponements for matches which form part of pool tournaments
- 9.2 Conceding a match is unacceptable – the offending club will be fined and may incur additional costs to cover venue hire etc.
- 9.3 Failure to turn up at an event which the team has qualified for is unacceptable – the offending club will be fined and may incur additional costs to cover venue hire etc,

10. Umpires / Officials

- 10.1 The WHUA may appoint Umpires and Officials to the finals
- 10.2 Welsh Umpires must be qualified, as per the WHUA / HW current list of active umpires / officials or hold an equivalent qualification from any National Association and be affiliated to both the WHUA and HW

11. Expenses, Fines

- 11.1 Clubs entering the final may be required to cover costs of the event including venue hire, umpires and officials' expenses etc.
- 11.2 All travelling expenses are the responsibility of the clubs taking part
- 11.3 Failure to attend or fulfil a fixture may result in the club being liable for any expenses incurred by their opponents, umpires, officials and HW
- 11.4 Fines will be levied as follows:
 - (i) Failure to turn up to an event – Fine subject to a maximum of £150
 - (ii) Conceded – Fine subject to a maximum of £150
 - (iii) Non-notification of nominated players / squad lists (including incomplete / unreadable lists) by due date – Fine of £20
 - (iv) Playing a non-affiliated player – Fine of £50 plus option to expel the offending team or club from that competition
- 11.5 In the case of serious or repeated offences the TAG retains the right to impose additional penalties which may include increased fines over and above those detailed above as well as the option to ban or suspend clubs or teams from entering competitions
- 11.6 The Competitions TAG reserve the right to impose a fine / sanctions to any club for a situation which is not covered by the items outlined in this section

12. Disputes / Appeals

- 12.1 Any complaint which may arise in connection with these regulations or other matters relating to these competitions will only be considered if it is sent in writing, to the HW Competitions TAG Chair, within 48 hours of the event / decision
- 12.2 The HW Competitions TAG Chair shall determine the action to be taken
- 12.3 Clubs shall have the right to appeal as laid down in the HW Right of Appeal

13. Eligibility

- 13.1 Players shall not play in any of the competitions covered by these regulations if, after 1st December in the season of competition they have played in any indoor hockey competition in any other country affiliated to the FIH

14. Doping Control

As per HW Byelaws and Articles of Association, you are reminded that all players could be subject to anti-doping procedures at any match

15. General

- 15.1 Participating teams must be aware of HW Policies and Procedures (including Codes of Conduct, Safeguarding, Disciplinary) which will apply to all matches
- 15.2 The Competitions TAG shall determine the action to be taken for any matter not specifically covered by these regulations
- 15.3 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

July 2020

HW Competitions TAG Chair	Bill Riley
HW Women's National Competitions Coordinator	Lynda Bennett
HW Men's National Competitions Coordinator	position vacant

(refer to Jane Price, Hockey Wales until Coordinator appointed)

Shoot-Out Competition - from FIH Tournament Regulations: Indoor Competitions – November 2019

In a shoot-out competition, three 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 shall take place within four (4) minutes of the end of the match.
- 2 The respective Team Managers provide three 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 shoot-out competition even if the period of his / her suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
- 4 The FIH Event Director or 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 FIH Event Director, if present, or 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 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 are permitted to enter the field of play outside the half used for the shoot-out
- 8 The goalkeeper / defending player of the team taking a shoot-out may be on the back-line outside the circle.

- 9 A player taking or defending a shoot-out may enter the half used for the shoot-out 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 Three players from each team take a shoot-out alternately against the goalkeeper / defending player of the other team making a total of 6 shoot-outs.
- 12 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 3 metres outside the circle opposite the centre of the goal;
 - c an attacker stands behind but near the ball;
 - d the Umpire blows the whistle to start time;
 - e an official 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 6 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-boards; this includes the goalkeeper / defending player intentionally playing the ball over the back-line;

- vii if the ball rebounds off a goalkeeper / defending player over the side-boards, the shoot-out is completed; if the ball is propelled by a goalkeeper / defending player over the sideboards, the shoot-out is retaken by the same player against the same goalkeeper / defending player
- 13 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 16, 17 and 18 of this Appendix.
- 14 The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has untaken shoot-outs available) is the winner.
- 15 A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during a shoot-out competition.
- 16 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 three 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 his / her 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.
- 17 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 his / her protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
- 18 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.
- 19 If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken three shoot-outs:
 - a a second series of 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, that team is the winner.
- 20 If an equal number of goals are scored after a second or subsequent series of three shoot-outs, an additional series of shoot-outs is 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.
- 21 Unless varied by this Appendix, the Rules of Indoor Hockey apply during a shoot-out.