

SUPER 6s JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016-17

Regulations

1. Authority

- 1.1 The Rules of Indoor Hockey, with effect from 1 January 2016, including any experimental rule changes approved by the England Hockey (EH) for use in competitions, shall be observed except as herein provided and varied in Appendix 2 of these Regulations. For the Rules of Indoor Hockey 2016-17 see: <http://www.fih.ch/media/9020389/rules-of-indoor-hockey-2016.pdf>
- 1.2 The EH Code of Ethics and Behaviour shall be applied at all matches.
- 1.3 The competitions must be referred to as per the above title in all correspondence and publicity and in any other circumstances in which the name of the competition is used.

1.4 Binding Force of the Regulations

Each team, by its entry into and participation in the competition shall be deemed to have given its consent to abide by the competitions' regulations and to any amendments which may be ratified by the Board of EH. Each team shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the decisions of EH in relation to these regulations or any matter not covered in these regulations and any penalty or sanction it may see fit to impose.

2. Management

- 2.1 The Management of the competition will be under the auspices of the EH Indoor Committee and the staff of the EH Competitions Department, based at the EH Head Office, who will oversee the general running of the competition and its publicity and promotion. The staff of this department will liaise with the EH Indoor Committee (EHIC).
- 2.2 The Terms of Reference of the EHIC are available in the Governance section on the EH website (www.englishockey.co.uk) or by request.

3. Liaison

- 3.1 Each participating team must appoint a Liaison Officer who must be freely available to the EH Competitions Department, County and Regional Organisers, as appropriate to the stage of the competition, at all times by the usual channels of communication. The name, telephone number(s), postal address and e-mail address must be advised to the appropriate organiser.
- 3.2 Any changes to Liaison Officer's details must be advised to the appropriate organiser immediately.

4. Eligibility

4.1 Teams

- 4.1.1 All teams participating in a competition shall complete and return to the appropriate organiser, by the due date the relevant competition entry form.
- 4.1.2 All teams participating in a competition shall pay, by the due date, the relevant competition entry fee to the appropriate organiser.
- 4.1.3 No team may alter its title, nor incorporate any part of a sponsor's name therein, without the prior permission of the Board of EH.
- 4.1.4 A maximum of 12 players for each team shall be permitted for the tournament.
- 4.1.5 A player whose name appears on any team sheet listing those players eligible to play in a match will be considered to have played in that match.

4.2 Club Competition

- 4.2.1 All Clubs must be affiliated to the EH.

4.2.2 Clubs may only enter one girl's team and one boy's team per age group.

4.2.3 Players may only play indoor hockey for one Club per season (this includes both junior and senior indoor hockey competitions).

4.2.4 Players may only represent their Club in one age group per season.

4.2.5 All players must be a bona fide member of the Club except that a maximum of two players who are bona fide members of another club and play outdoors for that other club at weekends may represent the Club in any one season providing those players have not represented England at any level. Where players are a bona fide member of a junior and an adult club, the adult club will be considered to be their club.

4.2.6 Players must be Under 16 or Under 18 on 31 August preceding the relevant competition.

4.3 School Competition

4.3.1 The competition is open to all schools within the geographical county/region who host a qualifying round for the competition.

4.3.2 Schools may only enter one girl's team and one boy's team per age group.

4.3.3 Players may only play for one School per season.

4.3.4 Players may only represent their School in one age group per season.

4.3.5 All players must be on the school roll at the time of the competition to be eligible.

4.3.6 Players must be Under 16 or Under 18 on 31 August preceding the relevant competition.

5. Competition

5.1 Regional and county rounds will be organised by the appropriate organiser, who, within the rules set out herein, will have complete discretion on the method of operation, venue, timing and any necessary local regulations.

5.2 Where pools operate, points will be awarded as follows: 3 points per win, 1 point per draw and 0 points per loss.

5.3 If, on completion of a pool, leading teams are equal on points, their position will be determined as follows:

5.3.1 Goal difference,

5.3.2 Goals scored,

5.3.3 Winner of match between tied teams

5.3.4 Barrage of three penalty strokes

5.3.5 Sudden death penalty strokes

5.4.5 Penalty strokes under 5.3.4 and 5.4.5 shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 1 to these regulations.

5.4 If the scores are level at the end of full time in knockout matches the outcome of the match shall be determined by a series of penalty strokes taken under the conditions detailed in Appendix 1 to these regulations.

5.5 The winner and runner-up from each of the five hockey Regions will compete at the National Finals.

6. Reporting of Results

The result must be notified as directed to the appropriate organiser as directed.

7. Match Day Administration

7.1 The Tournament Director shall decide the colour of the balls to be used.

7.2 A team must have a minimum of four players on the pitch at the start of the game for the match to start.

7.3 Duration of Matches

At the National Finals, the duration of matches 2 x 12 minutes or as directed.

7.4 Start times

At matches must start at the set time. The start time may be varied as directed by the appropriate organiser or tournament director if circumstances dictate this.

7.4 Format of National Stages

At the National Finals, the ten participating teams in each age group will be divided into two pools of five. Pools will be seeded by the EH so that no more than three regional winners are in any one pool. In each pool each team shall play the other teams. The winner of each pool shall play the runner-up of the other pool and the winners of these games shall play in the final. EH will set the match schedule.

7.5 Team Sheets

Not less than 30 minutes before the start of their first match each team must complete and hand in a Team Sheet to the Tournament Director. Each team must have a Manager and two further officials who are entitled to occupy the team bench. Additionally a qualified Medical Doctor, whose name appears on the team sheet, may sit on the team bench. A team shall be entitled to nominate up to 12 players in its squad for each stage of the competition (i.e. defining the three stages as County Finals, Regional Finals and National Finals) and only those listed may sit on the team bench. The Match Report Form must be signed by the Manager who in so signing will be deemed to vouch for and confirm that each player listed is eligible to play. A player whose name appears on any team sheet listing those players eligible to play in a match will be deemed to have played in that match.

7.6 Blood Borne Diseases

7.6.1 Any player sustaining an injury that bleeds or any player with an open wound must leave the pitch immediately to receive treatment and have the wound covered prior to returning.

7.6.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 7.6.1 above for the avoidance of doubt there is no requirement for any player who receives treatment on the pitch to return to the team bench area for a minimum of one minute.

7.7. Coaching from the video area

Audible vocal communication from any videographer area overlooking the field of play is not permitted by team personnel within that area.

8. Dress

8.1 Players must wear uniform shirts, shorts (Boys) or skirts (Girls) and knee length socks.

8.1.1 Any additional clothing (e.g. cycle shorts or long sleeved tee-shirts) must be of the same colour as the corresponding item of clothing shown on the team sheet.

8.2 All teams shall always take alternative colour shirts and socks to a match and, if required by the Tournament Director to do so, the second named team shall wear them.

8.3 Goalkeepers must wear shirts contrasting with those of both teams and must wear protective equipment as specified in the Rules of Indoor Hockey.

8.4 Players shall wear on the back of their shirts the numbers allocated on the team sheet.

8.5 All numbers shall be no less than 8" (20cm) in height and shall contrast with the colour of the shirt. Taped numbers may only be used in an emergency.

8.6 The Captain must be identifiable by a band worn on the arm.

9. Tournament Directors

9.1 The following provisions shall apply to National Finals and may be used at any County or Regional competition to which a Tournament Director is formally appointed by the appropriate association.

9.2 Tournament Directors shall be appointed to all National Finals by the EH Technical Appointments Panel who may delegate appointments to Regional Associations.

9.3 Tournament Directors are empowered to apply these Regulations at their discretion and their ruling on any matter shall be final. The Tournament Director may delegate the exercise of his/her powers and authorities, in whole or in part and for such duration as the Tournament Director deems necessary, to a Technical Officer.

9.4 Tournament Directors shall be empowered to suspend any player, or named official, for one or more matches for misconduct on or off the field of play during the relevant competition. If a manager or coach is suspended it is not necessary for a player to be removed from the field of play.

9.5 Suspended persons may not enter the field of play, or the technical facility areas (including the team bench) surrounding the same during the match(es) of suspension until the match(es) is/are finished. The Tournament Director may, in the interests of player welfare, allow a suspended player to sit on the team bench for the period of their suspension; such players must wear clothing that distinguishes them as non-participating and must conduct themselves appropriately for a suspended player.

9.6 Tournament Directors shall be responsible for ensuring that all sticks and other playing equipment (including goalkeepers' headgear, hand protectors, leg guards and kickers together with any protective equipment such as face masks, hand and knee protectors intended to be worn by field players) to be used in the relevant competition are checked prior to a team's first match to ensure they comply with the Rules of Indoor Hockey.

9.7 If a team wishes to lodge a protest at the end of a match, or at the end of a penalty stroke competition the Team Manager must:

9.7.1 declare the intention to do so immediately in writing below his/her signature when signing the Match Report Form or penalty stroke competition form; and

9.7.2 provide written grounds for the protest to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the end of the match or penalty stroke competition.

9.8 The Tournament Director will consider the protest and the decision on such a protest will be given to the teams involved within one hour of receipt of such a protest. The Team Manager(s) must make arrangements with the Tournament Director to be available to receive the decision.

9.9 A failure by a team to comply with this procedure will result in the dismissal of the protest.

9.10 For the avoidance of doubt there can be no protest made against an umpiring decision, including the award of any disciplinary card.

9.11 The Tournament Director shall be entitled to request such video, written or oral evidence as he/she considers necessary to make any decision under consideration.

9.12 If circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Regulations, the Tournament Director will determine any actions necessary to deal with those circumstances. If any team affected by a decision of the Tournament Director under this regulation 9.12 wishes to appeal, it may do so following the same procedures set out in Regulation 14 below.

9.13 The completed match report forms, along with the teamsheets must be sent by the Tournament Director to the EHCD.

10. Umpires

For the National Finals the National Programme Umpires Association (NPUA) will appoint umpires.

11. Postponement or Abandonment

11.1 At any time the decision on whether the match should be abandoned rests with the umpires.

11.2 In the event of the tournament having to be abandoned as a result of a serious injury to a player or the decision of the umpires, the appropriate organiser will decide on the action to be taken after receiving a report from the umpires and teams. Such a decision may necessitate a replay of all or part of the tournament, depending on the circumstances at the time of the abandonment.

12. Failure to Honour a Fixture

12.1 If a team fails to honour a fixture or forfeits a game, it shall be deemed to have lost 0-5 and the opposing team shall be awarded three points and be deemed to have won the game 5-0.

12.2 If a team fails to honour more than one fixture, its playing record will be expunged. This is subject to any remission, or further penalty, which the EHIC may implement.

12.3 In addition the appropriate organiser shall at its discretion have the right to ensure that a team who fail to honour a fixture reimburse opposing teams, officials or County/Regional Associations for any expenses incurred in relation to the fixture.

13. Breach of Regulations

13.1 Any team found to be in breach of these regulations may be subject to further penalties in addition to any penalty imposed by a specific regulation.

14. Appeal Procedure

14.1 Teams, players and officials have the right to appeal to the EH Appeals Panel against a decision of the EH Competitions Department.

14.1.1 Any appeal must be made in writing within 3 days of the notification to the offender of the original decisions made and sent by ordinary First Class Post or Recorded Delivery to the EH Competitions Department at the EH Office. A deposit of £100 must be sent within 7 days of the date of the sending of the appeal. This will be returned if the appeal is successful.

14.1.2 Any other team which may be affected by an appeal shall, as soon as reasonably possible, be notified of the date of that appeal hearing and subsequently the outcome of the appeal.

Appendix 1 – Penalty Stroke Procedure

1. The Umpires shall together choose the goal to be used and the Captains shall toss to decide which team shall take the first penalty stroke.
2. Three different players from each of the teams, chosen from the players listed on the team sheet, but excluding any player who has been permanently suspended from the game (Red Card or TD suspension under regulation 9.4), shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other team. Only if that goalkeeper is, in the opinion of the Umpires, incapacitated through injury, or is suspended, shall a team be permitted to substitute the goalkeeper during the course of a particular series in the stroke competition.
3. The team which has been awarded the higher number of goals shall be the winner.
4. In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of penalty strokes shall be taken under the above conditions and with the same three players (subject to any incapacitated player being replaced or a suspended goalkeeper being substituted) but on a sudden death basis, that is, the team having been awarded the most goals after an equal number of strokes have been taken shall be the winner. The sequence in which the players take the strokes for their team need not be the same as in the previous series. The team manager has freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the three nominated players will take the stroke although must use all three nominated players per round.
5. The team which has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the following series (if any).

Appendix 2 Variations to the Rules of Indoor Hockey 2016

Exceptions and variations to the Rules of Indoor Hockey 2016 for these Championships are as follows:

1. Rule 5.2 “Time – out
 - 1.1 There will be no time – outs;
2. Green card – one minute suspension.
 - 2.1 For any offence, the offending player may be warned (indicated by a green card).
 - 2.2. Where a green card is issued the offending player shall be temporarily suspended for one (1) minute of playing time.
 - 2.3 During the period of temporary suspension of a player, the team shall play with one less player.
 - 2.4 If a field player receives a green card, the umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card; if time has been stopped the umpires restart it immediately after issuing the card.
 - 2.5 If a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges receives a green card, the umpires stop the time and restart it immediately after that player has left the field of play.
 - 2.6 The offending player must leave the field immediately. If the player interferes with play on the way to the technical table area, the umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Indoor Hockey.
 - 2.7 The one minute temporary suspension starts when the player is seated at the technical table area.
 - 2.8 The timing of the suspension shall be controlled by the technical officials on duty at the technical table.
 - 2.9 The timing of the suspension takes place in game time only - if the umpire stops and restarts time for any reason during the period of suspension, then the suspension time is also stopped and restarted.

2.10 The offending player is permitted to resume play when the Technical Official on duty indicates that the period of suspension has been completed unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner in which case the player cannot return until the corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.

2.11 If the offending player is a goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges, the Technical Official on duty notifies the umpires when the period of suspension has been completed; the umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.