



SENIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2017 / 2018

Indoor

(Men & Women)



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1. Preamble

The following 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 & Control

- a. Shall be invested in the HW National Competitions Co-ordinators
- b. The HW Competitions Technical Action Group (TAG) may appoint Assistant Coordinators to assist in the organisation of individual competitions.

3. Entry

- a. Any club registered with HW may enter
- b. Entry form(s) and any entry fees as advised by HW shall be sent to HW by the designated date on the entry form
- c. All monies will be controlled by HW
- d. 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.
- e. All clubs and players must pay the current HW affiliation fees by 31st October.
- f. Clubs with any outstanding debt to HW from previous season / competitions may not be eligible to enter.
- g. 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 competition.
- h. 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 registered with HW.
- i. 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

- a. 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

- a. All matches shall be played according to the Rules of Hockey as issued by the FIH.
- b. In the event of HW adopting experimental rules, matches will be played to such rules during their currency.
- c. Competition finals may use in whole, or part, any competition specific regulations as provided by EHF or FIH.

6. Dates of Matches

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

7. Priority

- a. Indoor finals shall take priority over all other hockey played under the auspices of HW
- b. No postponement in the event of a clash with a re-arranged league match will be allowed where the respective competition date has been advised in the priority calendar.
- c. Exceptions: NAG's and senior national squads, training and matches will have priority provided that these dates are included in the priority calendar as initially published.

8. Venues

- a. The competitions TAG will decide on the venue for the finals.

9. Matches – Postponement, failure to fulfil, Conceding, abandonment

- a. There will be no postponements for matches which form part of pool tournaments.
- b. Conceding a match is unacceptable – the offending club will be fined and may incur additional costs to cover venue hire etc.
- c. 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

- a. The WHUA may appoint umpires & officials to the finals of the event
- b. Umpires must be qualified, as per the WHUA/HW current list of active umpires, or hold an equivalent qualification from any National Association and be affiliated to both the WHUA and HW.

11. Expenses & Fines

- a. Clubs entering the final may be required to cover costs of the event including venue hire, umpires, and officials' expenses etc.
- b. All travelling expenses are the responsibility of the clubs taking part



- c. Failure to attend or fulfil a fixture may result in the club being liable for any expenses incurred by HW.
- d. Fines will be levied as follows
 - i. Failure to turn up to an event – maximum fine £150
 - ii. Conceded – maximum fine £150
 - iii. Non-notification of nominated players / squad lists by due date – fine of £20
 - iv. Playing of non-registered player – fine of £50 plus option to expel the offending club / team from that particular competition.
- e. 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.
- f. 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

- a. 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 Competitions TAG Chair within 48 hours of the event / decision.
- b. The Competitions TAG Chair shall determine the action to be taken
- c. Clubs shall have the right to appeal as laid down in the HW Right of Appeal

13. Eligibility

- a. All players participating in Welsh Competitions must comply with the HW Registration Rules (which explain the mechanism for players transferring from one club to another)
- b. Players shall not play in any competitions covered by these regulations if, after 1st November in the season of competition they have played in any competition in that season for a club which is not affiliated to HW.

14. Doping Control

- a. As per HW Bye Laws and Articles of Association, you are reminded that all players could be subject to UK Anti-doping procedures at any match.

15. General

- a. 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 apply to each match.
- b. 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.

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