

# **Schools Championships Regulations**

**2016/2017  
(Boys)**



## HOCKEY WALES

### **U-12 / U-14 / U-16 / U-18 BOYS SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS**

These regulations will be used for the 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.

#### **UNDER 12 and UNDER 14 COMPETITION RULES**

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

1. All matches shall be 7 a-side though squads of up to 10 players will be permitted for the national finals.
2. A result shall stand if the two teams have a minimum of 5 players each playing the game.
3. Matches shall be played across half a hockey pitch.
4. Players must be Under 12 / 14 on 1st 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 should consist only of boys.
7. 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
8. 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 penalty strokes will be taken, 5 metres from the goal. Then, sudden death penalties shall be taken by the same 3 players.

9. 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.
10. Hits taken outside the 5 metre area from the D, may be played directly into the D.
11. Long corners will be taken 5 metres from the corner of the pitch (not from the 23 metre line) and may be played directly into the D.
12. A green card will indicate a warning, not a two minute suspension.
13. 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.
14. **Players may not play the ball above shoulder height.**
15. Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times.
16. All players **MUST wear shin pads** and **should wear gum shields.**



## **UNDER 16 and UNDER 18 COMPETITIONS RULES**

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

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. A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team may be entered by each school.
4. Players must be Under 16 / 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year of competition (school year 11 / 13 and below) and must be in full time education at their school / college. The exception to this rule is that if a player has transferred to another school that is NOT participating in that particular age group, then he will be allowed to play for his previous school provided the National Boys Schools Coordinator is informed in advance
5. Teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
  - Three points for a win
  - One point for a draw
6. 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:
  - Goal difference
  - Highest number of goals for
  - Winner of the match between the two teams

If the scores are still tied, a Penalty Stroke Competition shall take place as per regulations.

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.

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