

Schools Championships Regulations

**2016/2017
(Girls)**



HOCKEY WALES

U-14 / U-16 / U-18 GIRLS SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS

The organisation of the various championships shall be undertaken on behalf of the HW Competitions TAG by the hosting Region.

The HW Women's Competitions Coordinator shall oversee each event.

1 ENTRY

The U-14, U-16 and U-18 Championships shall be open to all schools for whom details have been registered with Hockey Wales.

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 All participants 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, she will be allowed to play for her previous school provided the HW Women's Competitions Coordinator is informed in advance.

2.2 A school may only enter one team at each age group.

Age Restrictions:

U-14 – All players must be under 14 years of age on the 1st September in the year of competition (school year 9 and below).

U-16 – All players must be under 16 years of age on the 1st September in the year of competition (school year 11 and below).

U-18 – All players must be under 18 years of age on the 1st September in the year of competition (school year 13 and below). No third year 6th are eligible to play in this tournament.

2.3 A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team may be entered by each school.

3 RULES OF THE GAME

All matches in the Championships shall be played according to the Rules of Hockey as issued by the FIH.

4 FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1 Preliminary Rounds of the Championships at each age group.

The Schools County Associations will be responsible for the organisation of the Preliminary Rounds in their area.

The winners of each age group shall play in the Finals.

4.2 Final Round of the Championships at each age group.

The hosting Region, as decided by rota, will be responsible for the organisation of the Finals.



5 CHAMPIONSHIP RULES FOR THE FINALS AT EACH AGE GROUP

- 5.1 The Finals shall be played in two Pools of four. Prior to the Finals the organising committee will select which teams appear in each pool by means of a draw.
- 5.2 Teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
- 1 Three points for a win
 - 2 One point for a draw
- 5.3 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
- Should teams remain equal, a Penalty Stroke Competition shall take place as per regulations.
- 5.4 The Winners and Runners-up in the Pools shall play in the Semi-Finals as follows
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| 1 | 1 st in Pool A | v | 2 nd in Pool B |
| 2 | 1 st in Pool B | v | 2 nd in Pool A |
- The winners of these matches will play in the Final to determine the Champion School team.
- In the event of a draw at full time in the Semi-Finals or Final a Penalty Stroke Competition shall take place as per regulations.
- 5.5 All matches shall be 15 minutes each way, with three minutes for half time.
- 5.6 The first named team to provide the match ball.
- 5.7 In the event of a clash of colours the second named team shall change to an alternate colour.
- 5.8 Each school team must provide a qualified umpire for the Pool matches.
- 5.9 The organising committee will provide neutral umpires for the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- 5.10 Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times.
- 5.11 All players **MUST wear shin pads** and **should wear gum shields**.
- 5.12 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.



6 DISPUTES / APPEALS

If circumstances arise which are not provided for in these regulations, the organising committee will determine the outcome.

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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