



# SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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## Girls



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## 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 / college that is NOT participating in that particular age group, then she will be allowed to play for her previous school / college 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 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year of competition (school year 9 and below).

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

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

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

2.4 Teams will consist only of girls.

#### 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 Shoot-out 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

- |   |                           |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Pool A | v | 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Pool B |
| 2 | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Pool B | v | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Shoot-out 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 Players should not wear jewellery likely to cause injury to other players.
- 5.13 Players should wear appropriate playing kit.
- 5.14 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 GENERAL

6.1 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.

6.2 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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## **Appendix** (from FIH General Tournament Regulations – August 2017)

In a shoot-out competition, five 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 should take place within four (4) minutes of the end of regulation playing time.
- 2 The respective Team Managers provide five 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 their suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
- 4 The 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 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 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 23m area used for the shoot-out but must be at least 10 metres from the spot where the ball is placed at the start of the shoot-out.
- 8 The goalkeeper / defending player of the team taking a shoot-out shall wait on the back-line outside the circle.
- 9 A player taking or defending a shoot-out may enter the 23m area 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 Five players from each team take a shoot-out alternately against the goalkeeper / defending player of the other team making a total of 10 shoot-outs.
- 13 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 on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal;
  - c an attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball;
  - d the Umpire blows the whistle to start time;
  - e an official at the technical table 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 8 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-line; this includes the goalkeeper / defending player intentionally playing the ball over the back-line.
- 14 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 17, 18 and 19 of this Appendix.
- 15 The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has untaken shoot-outs available) is the winner.
- 16 A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
- 17 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 five 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 their 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.
- 18 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 their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
- 19 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.
- 20 If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken five shoot-outs:
  - a a second series of five 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, not necessarily being all five shoot-outs, that team is the winner.
- 21 If an equal number of goals are scored after a second series of five shoot-outs, additional series of shoot-outs are 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.
- 22 Unless varied by this Appendix, the Rules of Hockey apply during a shoot-out.