

Section 1: Hockey Wales Youth Competition Rules

A. WELSH UNDER 11 & UNDER 13 COMPETITION RULES VARIATIONS

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

1. A result shall stand if the two teams have a minimum of 5 players each playing the game.
2. Short 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.
3. Penalty Strokes should be taken 5 metres from the goal.
4. Hits taken outside the 5 metre area from the D may be played directly into the D.
5. Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times.

B. WELSH U-15 AND 18 COMPETITION RULES

Normal rules of hockey shall apply with the following exception:

1. Each team must play with a fully attired goalkeeper at all times

Section 2: Hockey Wales Youth Competition Regulations

These regulations will be used for the Clubs Youth 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. Regulations marked with an * may be amended for regional qualifying competitions.

A. Teams and Squad Sizes

Age groups are determined by the player's age on 1st September

- I. Under 11 and Under 13 (school year 6 and below) and (school year 8 and below)
 - a. Maximum squad size is 10 players
 - b. Maximum of 7 players on the pitch at any one time, one of which MUST be a fully attired goalkeeper
- II. Under 15 and Under 18 (school year 10 and below) and (school year 13 and below)
 - a. Maximum squad size is 16 players
 - b. Maximum of 11 players on the pitch at any one time, one of which MUST be a fully attired goalkeeper

B. Match Times and Arrangements*

- I. Under 11 and Under 13
 - a. Competition will take place between 2 North Wales teams and 2 South Wales teams
 - b. Matches shall be played across half a hockey pitch
 - c. Matches will be ten minutes each way with a two minute break for half-time
 - d. First named team will start the game and provide the match ball
- II. Under 15 and Under 18
 - a. Matches will be 35 minutes each way
 - b. The first named team will provide the match ball

C. Group & Final Placings*

- I. Under 11 and Under 13
 - a. Teams will play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
 - i. Three points for a win
 - ii. One point for a draw
 - b. 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:
 - i. Goal difference
 - ii. Highest number of goals for
 - iii. Winner of the match between the two teams
 - c. 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.
- II. Under 15 and Under 18
 - a. In a round robin competition, teams will be play all other teams in their Pool and the following points will be awarded for each match:
 - i. Three points for a win
 - ii. One point for a draw

- b. 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:
 - i. Goal difference
 - ii. Highest number of goals for
 - iii. Winner of the match between the two teams
- c. Should teams remain equal, a Penalty Stroke Competition shall take place as per regulations.

Note: A penalty stroke competition will only be necessary if the tied teams are the two teams in contention for a qualifying spot. Any teams below the qualifying places will finish as a joint placement.

- a. In a knockout competition, if the match is level after 70 minutes, a Penalty Stroke Competition shall take place as per regulations

D. Kits

All teams entering the competition should bring a change of kit (or a minimum of a set of different coloured bibs) in case of a colour clash. In the event of a clash of colours the second named team shall change to an alternate colour.

E. Trophies / Medals*

At each event there will be a presentation trophy, this can be used by teams after their competition to take photos with etc. This must be returned to the organiser once finished with. Winning clubs will be presented with a plaque which they can keep.

F. Turning Up Late *

If a team is late turning up for a published start time then the game may be awarded as a 5 - 0 win to the opposition, this is at the discretion of the tournament director or organiser.

G. First Aid *

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.

H. Umpires *

Umpires for games may be provided; if they are not then clubs will be notified and will be expected to provide their own

I. Discipline

- I. The HW disciplinary code will apply to all matches
- II. The HW codes of conduct will apply to all matches

J. Eligibility of Teams and Players / Registration

- I. Under 11 and Under 13
 - a. Players must be under 11 / 13 on 1st September in the year of the competition (school year 6 / 8 and below).
 - b. Teams will be selected according to gender. If a team does not have sufficient players of that gender, a mixed team may be entered in the boys competition only, with prior approval of the competition organisers. A mixed gender team may take part in the preliminary round of the competition without permission, but it will be relegated to last place and it will not be able to progress to the next round.
 - c. Players may not play in both Boys and Girls competitions within the same age group.

- d. Players should not play for more than one club in any round of the Hockey Wales Cup
- e. Players must be registered as a playing member with their club and with HW, with the appropriate affiliation fee having been paid

II. Under 15 and Under 18

- a. Players must be under 15 / 18 on 1st September in the year of the competition (school year 10 / 13 and below)
- b. Teams must be made up solely of same gender players
- c. Players should not play for more than one club in any round of the Hockey Wales Cup at any age level.
- d. Players must be registered as a playing member with their club and with HW, with the appropriate affiliation fee having been paid
- e. If a team does not have sufficient players, it may take players from other clubs provided that their own club is not entering the competition, but prior approval must be obtained from competition organisers.
- f. Any team that is using players who are not members of the same club must apply to the relevant National Competitions Coordinator for permission to play those players. This applies to any stage of the competition

K. Issues Not Covered In These Regulations

- I. Prior to the day of competition; clubs should contact the relevant competition organisers
- II. On the day of the competition; clubs should contact the tournament director who will make a decision

L. Photography Consent

Clubs competing in the finals will need to complete a photography consent form before the event. This should be returned to the competition organiser before the event. Failure to return the form may result in the team being withdrawn from the competition.

M. Penalties

If it is found that an ineligible player(s) have played in the Finals, the team's result(s) will be null and void with any trophies handed back and awarded to the relevant opponent(s). The matter will be reported to HW who reserves the right to take further sanctions should they deem it necessary including imposing a ban on the offending club / team.

N. Disputes / Appeals

- I. Any complaint that may arise in connection with these regulations or other matters relating to this competition will only be considered if it is sent in writing to the Hockey Wales Competitions TAG Chair within 48 hours of the event / decision.
- II. The Hockey Wales Competitions TAG shall determine the actions to be taken.
- III. Clubs shall have the right to appeal to the HW Competitions TAG or to the HW Board, and the procedures for this are laid down in the HW Right of Appeal.

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.