

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

16 YEARS & UNDER HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES AND GUIDELINES

Note: These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the School Sport Australia Policies and Guidelines.

Section A - Rules of Competition

1. Eligibility

Qualifications for selection in the team of the affiliated organisation to compete in the School Sport Australia Hockey Championships shall be:

- i. to be enrolled in a secondary school as a **full time bona-fide pupil**;
- ii. to be 16 years and under as of the 31 December in the year of competition.

2. Team Documentation

A School Sport Australia Checking Sheet, signed by the Executive Officer of the school sports association declaring that the required School Sport Australia documents (i.e. bona-fides and birth certification) are in order, **is to be tabled at the Pre-event Meeting**. In the event of this documentation not being tabled, the above-mentioned forms must be tabled.

3. Match Rules/Conditions of Play

a. *Laws*

The rules of the competition shall follow those laid down by Hockey Australia.

b. *Team Composition/Size etc*

- i. A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team may be entered by each state/territory.
- ii. Any state/territory playing a student who is not 16 years and under as of 31 December of the year of the Championships shall forfeit all points for the Championships.

c. *Age Dispensation*

The ACT and Tasmania Boys and Girls Hockey teams are granted six months age dispensation for the U16 School Sport Australia Hockey Championships 2015-2017 for up to 50% of players.

d. *Draws/Program of Events/Competition Format*

- i. The actual venue of the next Championships shall be determined by the host state and ratified by School Sport Australia at its annual meeting in November.
- ii. The date of the Australian Championships shall be within or as close as possible to the second week in August, bearing in mind the Hockey Australia junior program dates. The staging of the National Championship shall be restricted to two (2) consecutive weekends and the five (5) working days between, with no play on the first Saturday of the championship and an educational excursion/rest day must be included. The only variation to the timing of the event as described is in the case of Hockey being included in the Pacific School Games (PSG).

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- iii. Where less than four states/territories indicate their willingness to participate, the

Championships shall be abandoned for that year.

- iv. At least 12 weeks prior to the commencement of the Championships the host state of the Championships shall submit to states/territories a tentative program of matches. Any state/territory wishing to submit an alteration to the tentative program of matches must do so within two weeks of receiving same. Any amendment to the program shall be circulated as early as possible to all states/territories.
- v. The School Sport Australia Hockey Championship Draw should be used by host states when compiling the program of matches -refer to **APPENDIX A**. Where a five game day is to be played, this will be done on the day prior to the Educational Excursion/Rest Day. When the number of teams varies from the six team draw, the following procedures should be implemented:
 1. **Four Teams**
Eliminate the two non-competing teams from the draw and program two rounds of matches with two games per day. No finals.
 2. **Five Teams**
Encourage the use of an “invitational” team to participate to maintain the six team draw. ii) Eliminate the non-competing team from the draw and program two rounds of matches. The non-competing team becomes the bye. No finals. iii) Ensure teams play matches with at least one game break as “double headers” may be necessary
 3. **Seven Teams**
Use **Appendix A** (attached).
 4. **Eight Teams**
Use **Appendix B** (attached).
- vi. That convening states consider moving games to the afternoon and evening, should the managing association feel it possible. eg 9.00am, 10.30am, noon, 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm.

e. Match Times/Breaks/Timekeeping etc

- i. Match times shall follow Hockey Australia guidelines for underage teams championships operating at the time. The Championship Convenor in conjunction with the National Secretary shall have the power to vary the duration of matches when a double round robin is played.
- ii. Where possible the host state/territory will operate match conditions under the same procedures used by Hockey Australia in conducting their national championship.
- iii. There should be time off for injury at the discretion of the umpires. In the event of serious injury all players of both teams should return to their respective dugout/dressing room. Play shall be suspended whilst the player is dealt with safely. If the match is not able to be resumed before the time of commencement of any subsequent match, then the National Secretary (or their delegate) and/or Championship Convenor are to meet with all coaches of the teams that are impacted to discuss the rescheduling of the times/duration and/or location of matches. This is to ensure that each team is given the opportunity to play their full quota of matches.

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f. Scoring/Points Allocation

- i. The following points will be awarded for each match: a) Three (3) points to the winner b) One (1) point to each team in the event of a draw c) No points to the loser
- ii. In determining the rankings after the round robin matches, the rules as per the Hockey

Australia Championships Operations Manual Attachment C Appendix 1 shall be used:

If at the conclusion of the series of matches two teams have obtained the same number of points, the ranking shall be decided in the following sequence until the final ranking is established:

- a. number of matches won
- b. comparison of goal difference
- c. comparison of goals for
- d. result(s) of the match(es) played between only those teams involved
- e. shoot out competition between the teams
- f. should there still remain equality between **three or more teams**, then each team will play a shoot-out competition against the other teams in the same sequence of matches as per the Championship draw.
Refer to HA Championships Operations Manual Attachment C Appendix 4 for conduct of shoot-out competition.
- g. A ranking will then be established based upon the results of each set of five (5) one-on-one shoot outs between two teams as follows:
 - h. Three (3) points to the team scoring the highest number of goals
 - i. One (1) point to each team scoring an equal number of goals
 - j. No points to the team scoring the lowest number of goals
 - k. If equality remains, then teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to Rules 3. f. ii. 1(a), (b), (c) and (d) as applied to goals recorded during the shoot-out competition. If an equal position of three (or more) teams still remains thereafter, then the same procedure shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. A draw shall take place to establish each sequence of play if such further rounds of shoot outs are required.

g. Playoffs for Minor Placings

If the score at full time in the playoff match is a draw, the final ranking shall be determined by the position at the end of the Round Robin.

h. Playoffs for First and Second

If the scores are level at the end of regulation time, the Hockey Australia rules shall be used to determine the final placings.

i. Failure to Play - Scratching:

- i. If, during the course of a match, a team declines to continue the game or to take it up where it left off, or if at any time during the match the number of its players is less than seven (7), this team shall have lost the match and the opposing team shall have won the match with the score standing at that time.
- ii. If a team scratches from competition, all pool matches it had played up till then, shall be considered as not having been played not only by the scratching team but also by all the teams it had played. This classification shall be corrected accordingly.
- iii. A team refusing to play a match entered on its program shall be considered as scratching from the competition.

j. Equipment - Balls, Footwear etc

as per Hockey Australia rules.

- i. Goalkeepers should wear shirts that are numbered on the front as well as the back.
- ii. Goalkeepers shirts should be a different colour to the shirts of players in their own team and the opposition team.
- iii. Host state/territory to supply match balls from championship budget.

k. Playing Area/Field

The School Sport Australia Host state of the Hockey Championships shall ensure that the appointed venue can provide two (2) water based artificial playing surfaces.

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- l. Interchange/Subs** Championship teams shall be permitted to interchange players in each match provided that no more than sixteen (16) players take part in any match. Team manager is to submit a team list to the bench prior to the commencement of the match.

m. Judiciary/Reports/Send Offs etc

- i. An Appeals Committee shall be appointed at the Opening Conference to deal with appeals for clarification of any matter not under the jurisdiction of the umpire that may arise in connection with any of the matches played during the Championships.
- ii. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members, the Championship Convenor, the Technical Director and the National Secretary (or delegate).

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- iii. The Championship Convenor shall chair the appeals committee.
- iv. The National Secretary shall act as a reserve for the appeals committee.

n. Protests/Appeals/Suspensions

- i. If a team wishes to lodge a protest at the end of the match, its manager must do so in writing and hand the protest to the judge on duty within twenty (20) minutes from the conclusion of the match, having declared his/her intention to do so under the signature on the match sheet.
- ii. The protest shall be heard by the Appeals Committee as soon as possible. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be handed down in writing within an hour of the conclusion of the hearing.
- iii. A penalty points system for cards issued will operate. Cards will attract the following penalties:
 - Green card 0 points
 - Yellow card 5 points
 - Red card 10 points
- iv. The Appeals Committee shall suspend players for one or more matches of the Championships.
 - a. Any player who has accumulated ten or more demerit points during one or more matches of the Championships.

- b. Any player, reserve player or team official who has misbehaved before, during or after any match of the Championships.
- v. For the purpose of sub clause 3.n.iii herein, demerit points shall accumulate at the rate specified in 3.n.iii and will be administered by the technical director of the Championships.
- vi. Pursuant to sub clause 3.n.iv should a player receive any further demerit points following a suspension they should immediately appear before the Appeals Committee.
- vii. In reaching its decision the Appeals Committee shall have the power to call before it to give information any player, reserve player, team official, match official, umpire or championship official. If such person fails to attend as requested, the Appeals Committee shall have the right to continue its deliberations without the requested information. Written submissions may be accepted by the Appeals Committee.
- viii. The player, reserve player or team official whose suspension is the subject of the Appeals Committee shall have the right to address the Committee. They may be accompanied by a team official who may be given permission by the Appeals Committee to make a submission.
- ix. The player or reserve player who is to be suspended pursuant to sub-clause 3.n.iii herein shall not be permitted to play in any championship match whilst the suspension is in force. They will be permitted to occupy the team bench during their suspension.
- x. In respect of the otherwise automatic suspension arising from the operation of sub-clause 3.n.iii herein, the Appeals Committee may refrain from imposing such suspension in order to avoid an obvious miscarriage of justice.

o. Coaching - admissions on field etc

- i. No one except the players and the umpires properly engaged in a given match may enter the field of play during the match unless they are invited to do so by an umpire or has obtained prior authorisation from an umpire. The rule is compulsory even in the event of injury to a player or to an umpire.
- ii. Each team engaged in a given match may have up to eight (8) persons on the team bench, namely the team manager (for whom it is compulsory to sit there), five substitute players, the coach of the team and one other official (to be ratified at the Pre-event Meeting). The team manager is responsible for the conduct of all persons occupying the bench.

p. Uniforms - numbering/colouring etc

Refer to Hockey Australia Championships Operations Manual Attachment C Rule 6.2, 6.3, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.12

- i. Each team will wear the colours of its State/Territory as specified on the entry form. If, in the opinion of the judges the colours of two opposing teams might lead to confusion, one of the teams will have to change its colours. The colours to be worn will be determined at the Pre-event Meeting. The Captain of the team will wear a distinctive identifying marker on the sleeve or sock, supplied by each state/territory.
- ii. Players should all be numbered. Goalkeepers' uniforms must differ from the players' uniform of his/her team in colour and design and must be numbered front and back.

SECTION B - Guidelines for Organisation

1. Meetings

- a. **Pre-Event Meeting** -National Secretary, Chairman of Organising Committee, Championship Secretary/Convenor, Team Managers, Team Coaches, Umpires' Manager, Championship Secretary and further persons deemed necessary for the conduct of event to attend. Pre-event meeting is to be held prior to the commencement of matches.
- b. The **Post-Event Meeting** shall be held as close as possible to the end of the Championships.
- c. The Umpires' Manager will convene a meeting with all umpires prior to the commencement of matches.

2. Umpires

- a. All competing member bodies should select a minimum of one umpire to officiate as part of an umpire's panel. Umpires should be included as part of the member bodies team structure. Individual umpires are responsible for their costs. The minimum standard of umpire should be NOAS Level 1 and have competency to officiate at the Under 15 Hockey Australia Championship. Whenever possible, the umpire's pool is to be drawn from a combination of senior and student umpires.
- b. It is the host state's responsibility to roster umpires and decide upon suitable payment (where applicable).
- c. Where possible, the Host State through Hockey Australia is to appoint an accredited umpire manager to accredit umpires on their performance at the championship.
- d. Umpires' shirts should be provided by the Host State as part of the Championship levy.
- e. In the case of junior umpires it is the responsibility of the Umpire's Manager to write a report on each umpire – a copy of the report should be sent to their School Sport Association and the State Hockey Association.

3. Ceremonies

- a. Official Opening Ceremony and parade of teams.
- b. Closing Ceremony, presentations and parade of teams.

4. Trophies/Awards/Medals - Awards to be presented:

- a. Player of the Series (boy/girl) –this player is to be determined by the Australian Selectors. This person should be an exemplar of the criteria set in the Selection of the Australian Team Rule 6.d. If medals are awarded they must be different to those awarded to place getters by School Sport Australia. The host is responsible for selecting the memento and any costs should be part of the championship budget.

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- b. School Sport Australia gold and silver medals when there are **five** or less states/territories participating and gold, silver and bronze medals where there are **six or more** states/territories competing.
- c. All members of the All Australian Team will receive an SSA All Australian Team Plaque supplied by the SSA Office. The costs of the plaques should be included in the Championship budget.

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- d. A suitable memento should be awarded to the umpires of the final.

e. **The Fair Play Award**

- i. The Fair Play Award shall be awarded as a perpetual trophy to each team, both boys and girls, who represent the highest standards of on field conduct. The winner is determined on the basis of aggregating two aspects of the carnival, Cards issued by the umpires and points allocated by the technical officials using the HA Play the Whistle points allocation. In allocating points the Play the Whistle rule allocates positive points to each team after the conclusion of each fixture. The points are allocated and collated by the championship technical director. In the issuing of Cards the following negative points apply: Green card – 2 points, Yellow Card – 5 points, Red Card – 10 points.” Points finish at the end of the round matches.

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- ii. The boys’ award is named in honour of Peter Chatman and the girls’ award is named in honour of Melissa Winks, recognising their commitment to SSA hockey.

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5. EXCURSIONS/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- a. Where possible, the host state should allow states the opportunity to visit places of interest on the free day, either as a group or separately. Such excursions must be attended by all participants and team officials.
- b. Where possible, the team officials’ dinner should be held on the night prior to the Educational Excursion.

6. AUSTRALIAN TEAM/TOURING TEAMS/SELECTION PROCEDURE

- a. A Selection Committee will be nominated prior to the start of the championship and appointed at the Pre-event meeting to select any Australian Team. If the team is to compete in a School Sport Australia tour, the coach should be an automatic selector and two other selectors elected from the coaches and managers of the association. Selectors should be from different states/territories. The Selection Committee may include invited Hockey Australia representatives. The National Secretary/ or their representative is to chair the selection committee. Where the team is not scheduled to tour, the host state may choose to appoint local selectors if available.
- b. Duties of Selectors:
 - i. The Selection Committee must watch at least three matches for each state
 - ii. There must be at least one selector present for the duration of the entire match of all other games
 - iii. The selectors must submit the names of the Australian Team to the National Secretary prior to the Closing Ceremony.
- c. The method of selection of an Australian Team to be named at the Closing Ceremony of the Championships shall be determined and endorsed at the Pre-event meeting.
- d. The criteria for selection of players in an Australian Team should follow these general guidelines:
 - i. Eighteen (18) players who participated in the School Sport Australia Championships in the year of selection shall be selected in the School Sport Australia Hockey Team, two of whom should be goalkeepers.
 - ii. These players will have been those who have performed at their highest standard in the areas of individual and team skills, field play, understanding of the game and performance in the game situation.
 - iii. The final team selected should have a balance of forwards and backs with a view to coverage

of all positions in a hockey team (ie strikers, mid-fielders, defenders and goalkeepers).

- iv. Players selected must display a high degree of sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour both on and off the field.

7. LINKING SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA/STATE SCHOOL SPORT ASSOCIATIONS WITH HOCKEY AUSTRALIA/STATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS

- a. At School Sport Australia/Hockey Australia level: operate in line with current Memorandum of Understanding.

LIFE MEMBERS		
NAME	STATE	YEAR
Jill George	SA	1990
Lesley Schoenwald	QLD	1990
Sandra Sheedy	VIC	1991
Mary Summerson	QLD	1997

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Peter Chatman	QLD	2001
Paul Robinson	QLD	2001
Blair Wimshurst	SA	2001
Rob Tyler	QLD	2002
Barry Reid	NSW	2002
Steve Murray	QLD	2005
David Sharpe	NSW	2005
Tim Kloeden	SA	2005
Milanna Heberle	WA	2006
Carol Trezise	Vic	2006
Michelle Cassidy	SA	2012
Peter Sinclair	WA	2012
Melissa Winks	QLD	2013
Michelle Akers	QLD	2013
Kelly Free	QLD	2013
Bronte Pickett	SA	2013
Andrew Mellor	WA	2015
Warren Miller	WA	2015
Bro Paul Creevey	QLD	2016
Meaghan Morley	VIC	2016
Megan Taylor	ACT	2016

APPENDIX A
SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA HOCKEY

Seven (7) team competition draw

Draw for School Sport Australia Hockey to be held in the second week in August, with games played from Sunday to Saturday and a rest day occurring on the Wednesday. All teams will arrive on the Saturday prior to the commencement of competition. All games would start around 9.00am with 1hr 35minutes to 1hr 45 minutes between the start of each game. This will be dependent upon available turf time from the host state and the local association commitments especially on the weekends. Teams are ranked from the previous year from 1 to 7 and placed in the following seeded draw for the Championships. Final finishing places can be obtained from the previous championship report. When boys and girls teams receive the same final rankings in the previous year, game times may be adjusted by the National Secretary in an attempt to allow teams from the same association to support each other. * -Denotes the team with the double header on that day

Day 1			Sunday Tth August
	Game 1	1 v 2	
			Opening Ceremony
	Game 2	3 v 4	
	Game 3	5 v 6	
	Game 4	7 v 2*	
Day 2			Monday Uth August
	Game 1	3 v 1	
	Game 2	5 v 4	
	Game 3	6 v 2	
	Game 4	7 v 1*	
Day 3			Tuesday Vth August
	Game 1	6 v 7	
	Game 2	5 v 2	
	Game 3	4 v 1	
	Game 4	6* v 3	
	Game 5	5* v 7*	
Day 4			Official Dinner tonight Wednesday Wth August
			Rest Day – Educational Excursion
Day 5			Thursday Xth August
	Game 1	7 v 3	
	Game 2	6 v 1	
	Game 3	2 v 4	
	Game 4	5 v 3*	
Day 6			Friday Yth August
	Game 1	4 v 7	
	Game 2	2 v 3	
	Game 3	1 v 5	
	Game 4	4* v 6	
Day 7			Saturday Zth August
	7 th	team has a bye on the finals day	
	Game 1	5 th	v 6 th
	Game 2	3 rd	v 4 th
	Game 3	1 st	v 2 nd
		Closing ceremony and presentations to follow the final.	
		All teams travel home today.	

APPENDIX B

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On the 8 team round robin format the games, for the girls competition only, will be reduced to 30 minute halves with the exception of the 1 v 2 final.

On the 8 team round robin format (in a dual championship) host states consider 2 excursion dates.

Sunday	Round 1	1 v 3	Thursday	Round 5	1 v 6
	R1	2 v 4		R5	5 v 7
	R1	8 v 5		R5	4 v 8
	R1	7 v 6		R5	3 v 2
				Round 6	1 v 5
				R6	4 v 6
Monday	Round 2	1 v 2			
	R2	8 v 3			
	R2	7 v 4	Friday	R6	3 v 7
	R2	6 v 5		R6	2 v 8
	Round 3	1 v 8		Round 7	1 v 4
	R3	7 v 2		R7	3 v 5
				R7	2 v 6
Tuesday				R7	8 v 7
	R3	6 v 3			
	R3	5 v 4			
	Round 4	1 v 7	Saturday	FINAL 7 th	v 8 th
	R4	6 v 8		FINAL 5 th	v 6 th
	R4	4 v 3		FINAL 3 rd	v 4 th
	R4	5 v 2		FINAL 1 st	v 2 nd
Wednesday	Excursion				