



SUMMARY OF CHANGES

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS 2026-27

Review of 2026-27 Junior Competition Regulations

General

There are some wording changes, with the main change being that the levels of competition are named rather than referring to Tiers.

They also detail the revised naming of Competitions and revised Appendix 1 showing new Competitions Framework

Reg 3.2.7 – Addition added Trial for Season 2026-27

As a trial for 2026/27 season, for activity at JSL, clubs may merge to form one team with players from two clubs only. This will only be permitted with approval from the AJLCC and EHCD as a mutual agreement. At U18, composite clubs can enter their Area League and/or Championship / Knockout competitions with the same formed team. Neither club forming the composite team can enter a team in their own right. On GMS, one club will need to be nominated as the primary club for administration purposes and the GMS 'Team Name' should reflect the merger.

If clubs are able to enter JSL in their own right, they must do this in the first instance.

Reg 3.2.8 – Now reads

For activity at AJL and below clubs may merge to form teams with players from two or more clubs but only if they have insufficient junior members in a given age group to field a team on their own. Composite clubs can only enter Championships / knockout competitions if the same formed composite club has also entered equivalent league competitions, or if no clubs forming the composite club have entered league competitions. On GMS, one club will need to be nominated as the primary club for administration purposes and the GMS 'Team Name' should reflect the merger.

Existing Wording

^^^For activity at **Tier 2** and below clubs may merge to form teams with players from two or more clubs but only if they have insufficient junior members in a given age group to field a team on their own. Composite clubs can only enter Championships / knockout competitions if the same formed composite club has also entered equivalent league competitions, or if no clubs forming the composite



club have entered league competitions. On GMS, one club will need to be nominated as the primary club for administration purposes and the GMS 'Team Name' should reflect the merger.

Reg 9 – Breach of Regulations & Penalties

Complete re-wording within this section to bring the EHCD appeals process in line with the EH Disciplinary Regulations

Appendix 5

Complete re-wording within this section to bring in line with the new FIH Regulations for Shootouts

Appendix 9

Additional appendix to bring the EHCD appeals process for oral hearings in line with the EH Disciplinary Regulations