

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

JUNIOR CLUB COMPETITION REGULATIONS (U14-U18 OUTDOOR)

Review of 2025-26 Junior Competition Regulations (U14 – U18 Outdoor)

Overall, while there are some minor wording changes to the 2025-26 version of the Junior Competition Regulations (U14 – U18 Outdoor), most of the document remains the same.

Reg 3.2.2 - Team Entries - Eligibility

- We have included a regulation that states that the Area Junior Committee and England Hockey can decline the right to entry into a competition if we believe the team is not entering an appropriate Tier.

Reg 3.2.6 - Tier 1 eligibility

- We have lowered the number of teams that a club enter into the competition from 5 to 4 in order for them to enter a second team into Tier 1 activity.

Reg 4.1.1.iii - Player eligibility

- Play in the relevant competition as determined by England Hockey Trans and Non-Binary Participation Policy.

Reg 4.3.7 – Team Selection

- Amended from all players having to have numbers on their shirts to players in Tier 1 and Tier 2 competitions only.

Reg 6.2.1 – Match Sheets

- Amended from all players needing to be added to GMS on match sheets to players in Tier 1 and Tier 2 only.

Reg 9.1.5 – Breach of Regulations & Appeals

- Added a regulation that states where any club or team believe there has been a breach of regulations in a match by their opposition, they have 3 days from that match to report it to the competition lead. Any report must include all relevant details and proof of the breach.

Regs 9.2 and 9.3 – Appeal Procedure – against a decision of AJLCC & EHCD

- There are some wording changes but the material process remains the same.

Appendix 3 – Variations to Rules of Hockey

- For Full length matches where both teams agree the game can be played as four quarters of 17 minutes 30 seconds (15 mins for Under 14s), with an interval of 2 minutes between quarter 1 and 2 and between quarter 3 and 4, and a half-time interval of 5 minutes between quarter 2 and 3. This is a trial for 2025/26 season, a decision will be made ahead of 2026/27 season as to whether this is carried forward.