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1 MANAGEMENT

1.1 Principles

- 1.1.1 The Junior Competitions Framework (JCF) in England will comprise of competitions administered by: the England Hockey Competitions Department (EHCD) and/or Area Junior Leagues & Competitions Committee (AJLCC), as seen in Appendix 1.
- 1.1.2 England Hockey (EH) Policies, Rules and Regulations, as seen in Appendix 2, will apply to all matches within the JCF.
- 1.1.3 Each club, by its entry into and participation in JCF competitions along with each player, through their club registration, shall be deemed to have given consent to abide by these Regulations, EH policies, rules and any amendments that may be ratified by EH from time-to-time.
- 1.1.4 Any club administrator or team administrator requiring clarification on Competition regulations should consult directly with the relevant organiser - AJLCC or EHCD.

2 COMPETITIONS

2.1 Organisation

- 2.1.1 The EHCD will organise Championships (knockout competitions) in line with these regulations using standard formats. Each of the Championships will include a 'Plate' competition. In addition EHCD will organise U16 Tier 1 Championships in line with Appendix 1.
- 2.1.2 AJLCCs will be responsible for organising competitions within their Area in line with these regulations and the JCF and will have discretion to structure leagues and knockout competitions at the relevant Tier based on entries received using standard formats and scoring systems.
- 2.1.3 For the U14 Tier 1 League Competitions:
- pre-Christmas (September-December) - each AJLCC will run a league-based competition using standard formats plus, if necessary, play-offs to determine three qualifying teams from their Area to progress to four Area Supra Leagues (ASL);
 - a. post-Christmas (January-May) - the EHCD will organise a Tier 1a league-based competition (4 x ASL) and b. each AJLCC will organise a Tier 1b league-based competition using standard formats, culminating in National and Area Finals respectively (N.B. separate additional regulations will be issued for these finals);
 - if any team qualifying for the ASL does not wish to participate, the EHCD and AJLCC(s) will determine the action to be taken in respect of inviting further teams to participate or otherwise.
- 2.1.4 For the U16 Tier 1 Championships:
- EHCD will run a league-based competition using standard formats plus, if necessary, play-offs. to determine sixteen qualifying teams to progress to four Area Supra Leagues (ASL) (September-January);
 - EHCD will organise a Tier 1 league-based competition (4 x ASL) and knockout competitions as shown in Appendix 1 leading to National Finals (N.B. separate additional regulations will be issued for these finals);
 - if any team qualifying for the ASL does not wish to participate, EHCD will determine the action to be taken in respect of inviting further teams to participate or otherwise.
- 2.1.5 EHCD has no jurisdiction over AJLCC competitions and where EHCD is referenced within the regulations it is only in relation to competitions organised in line with Regs 2.1.1 and 2.1.3.ii.a.

2.2 Match Rules

- 2.2.1 The Rules of Hockey shall be those in effect at the start of each season, except as any variations contained within these Regulations and in accordance with Appendix 3. The Rules shall include any: variations, supplementary guidance, interpretations, instructions, etc. as may be published by EHCD or AJLCC from time to time.
- 2.2.2 Match length times will be in accordance with Appendix 4, unless set differently by the EHCD or AJLCC dependent on the competition.

2.3 Umpires

- 2.3.1 The responsibility for appointing competent umpires to each match falls to teams, unless informed in advance by a competition organiser who may pass responsibility to an appointing body.
- 2.3.2 Where Clubs are responsible for appointing to a match, the home club must appoint both umpires, except in the cases below.
- 2.3.2.1 Where a Club believes it will not be able to provide two umpires, it MUST contact its opposition to inform them of the fact and ask them to provide one umpire.. This must be done at least 5 days before the match;
- 2.3.2.2 The away club has contacted the home club to say it intends to appoint an umpire for the match. This must be done at least 5 days before the match. The away team is then responsible for appointing an umpire, unless and until both teams agree otherwise.
- 2.3.3 All umpires must be registered members of the England Hockey Officiating (EHO) club. An unregistered umpire can complete their registration up to 24 hours after the relevant fixture has been completed.
- 2.3.4 The below outlines the requirements for umpires at each Tier of competition:

	U16 Tier 1 League	All other Tier 1	All other Tiers
Desirable level of accreditation	Level 1 Assessed	Level 1 Assessed	Level 1 Unassessed
Acceptable level of accreditation	Level 1 Assessed	Level 1 Unassessed	No formal accreditation required

- 2.3.5 If an umpire is appointed but does not meet the acceptable level of accreditation, the game may only be played with the agreement of both teams. If the teams cannot reach an agreement 2.3.6 will apply.
- 2.3.6 Where teams have reached an agreement to appoint their own umpires and then unable to do so, the team unable to appoint will be deemed to have forfeited the game. If both teams are unable to appoint an umpire, lots will be drawn by the competition organiser to determine who forfeits the match.
- 2.3.7 Where a Young Umpire (Under 18) is appointed, the appointing club must ensure a qualified Adult Umpire is present throughout the duration of the match either on pitch or on the side-line to provide support to the young umpire.

- 2.3.8 Neither EHCD nor the AJLCC will adjudicate on decisions made by umpires in games. Likewise, umpires will not adjudicate on Competition regulations.

2.4 Scoring System

- 2.4.1 For Tier 1 league competitions teams shall be awarded: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. In the event of a match being drawn in normal time, a shoot-out competition will be played in accordance with Appendix 5, and one bonus point awarded to the winner.
- 2.4.2 For all other league competitions teams shall be awarded: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
- 2.4.3 In the event of teams being equal on points at the end of the competition, or part thereof, places within a league, shall be determined by each of the following, in order:
- i. Highest goal difference. If still equal *Regulation ii applies*.
 - ii. Highest number of goals scored. If still equal *Regulation iii applies*.
 - iii. Highest number of matches won. If still equal *Regulation iv applies*.
 - iv. The result of the match(es) between the teams concerned, including a win in a shoot-out competition (and, if teams have played each other more than once and the aggregate score is still equal, away goals take precedence over home goals). If still equal *Regulation v applies*.
 - v. If teams are still equal they will share the position except when it determines a championship, promotion, relegation, play-off or further progression. In that case
 - a. If the teams involved are at the same venue. a shoot-out competition will be played in accordance with Appendix 5. If not.
 - b. a further match between the teams involved will be arranged by the relevant competition organiser.
- 2.4.4 For Championships / knockout competitions the winner of the match shall progress to the next round.
- 2.4.5 For Championships / knockout competitions, in the event of a match being drawn in normal time, a shoot-out competition will be played in accordance with Appendix 5. The winner of the subsequent shoot-out competition shall progress to the next round.
- 2.4.6 A team that loses in Round 1 of any Championships / knockout competitions shall be eligible for a place in any relevant 'Plate' competition. After any Championships / knockout competitions reach Round 2, a team that loses the first match they play in the competition, may be eligible for a place in the relevant 'Plate' competition, at the discretion of the competition organiser.
- 2.4.7 Match results in all competitions shall be limited to a goal difference of eight, and any score recorded as 8-0 to the winners
- 2.4.8 A team which fails or is unable to honour a fixture:
- i. must notify its opposition and competition organiser immediately;
 - ii. may be subject to financial penalty;
 - iii. additionally, the EHCD or AJLCC shall, at their discretion, have the right to ensure that a team which fails to honour a fixture reimburses the opposing team, officials, competition organiser, etc. for any expenses incurred in relation to the fixture.
- 2.4.9 For Championships / knockout competitions: the offending team shall be deemed to have lost the tie and will forfeit their entry fee. The opposing team shall progress to the next round. The offending team's eligibility for any relevant 'Plate' competition will be at the discretion of the competition organiser.
- 2.4.10 League competitions:
- i. an 8-0 walkover will be awarded against any team failing to fulfil a fixture;
 - ii. U14 and U16 Tier 1 : any team that fails to honour two of their League fixtures will be automatically withdrawn from the League and all previous results will be void and will forfeit its entry fee;
 - iii. In other Tier 1 and Tier 2 competitions : any team that fails to honour at least half of their League fixtures will be automatically withdrawn from the League and all previous results will be void and will forfeit its entry fee.

- 2.5 **Finals** – EHCD will issue separate joining instructions for finals which may vary standard regulations.

3 TEAM ENTRIES

3.1 Entry Dates

- 3.1.1 A club must enter its teams into any Competitions by the designated date set by the AJLCC or EHCD.

3.2 Eligibility

- 3.2.1 Area and EH led Competitions are open to all clubs that have completed their membership to EH.
- 3.2.2 AJLCC and EHCD retain the right to decline entry to a competition if they believe the team is not entering at an appropriate Tier.
- 3.2.3 Area led Competitions are open to all teams from clubs who are also members of that Area; or from a neighbouring Area with the agreement of both the member and neighbouring AJLCCs.

- 3.2.4 For their teams to be eligible to participate in JCF competitions clubs must have completed and paid, by the due date, its membership to EH. In addition, it must have paid, by the due date, the following: competition entry fee; any monies outstanding to EH, Area and/or County/Sub-Area (CS-A).

In the event of any monies due being outstanding 14 days or more after a club's first match in any JCF competition, the AJLCC or EHCD shall be entitled to remove any team(s) for which no payment has been received.

- 3.2.5 All teams must enter any Championships / knockout competitions at the same Tier in which they enter any league competitions, and vice versa. Save that the team may request to play at a different Championship Tier which is subject to prior approval from their relevant Area and EHCD. If a team chooses to enter only one competition type, they should choose the most appropriate Tier to their standard.
- 3.2.6 For activity at Tier 1, clubs are only permitted to enter one team per age group. A second team may only be entered at Tier 1 in accordance with 3.2.6.i. There is no limit on the number of teams from a single club that can be entered into activity at Tier 2 and below.
- 3.2.6.1 Where a club enters 4 or more teams across all Tiers in a specific gender/age group, they are permitted to enter a second team at Tier 1. Should a club later decide to withdraw a team from any competition, the second team entered at Tier 1 must be the first to be withdrawn.
- 3.2.7 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.
- 3.3 Club & Team Administration**
- 3.3.1 Each participating club must appoint a Club Administrator and each participating team must have a named Team Administrator, both of whom must be available to competition officials and other teams at all times by the usual channels of communication.
- 3.3.2 An individual may be a Club Administrator for their club and/or Team Administrator for more than one team.
- 3.3.3 To ensure continuity, any changes to a Club Administrator or Team Administrator, or their details, must be updated in GMS immediately.

4 PLAYERS

4.1 Eligibility

- 4.1.1 All players must:
- be registered with a club on the GMS in order to be eligible to play for that club in the JCF by the relevant date;
 - be U14 – born on or after 01/09/2011, U16 – born on or after 01/09/2009, U18 – born on or after 01/09/2007 unless they hold a EH Age Dispensation Certificate in respect of the age group in which they are participating;
 - play in the relevant competition as determined by England Hockey Trans and Non-Binary Participation Policy.

4.2 Team Selection

- 4.2.1 This regulation provides for the application of the Junior Player Selection Policy. The Policy and additional notes are included in Appendix 6: Junior Player Selection Policy
- 4.2.2 EHCD or the AJLCC reserve the right to determine at any time whether or not a club is in breach of the Junior Player Selection Policy
- 4.2.3 A club's teams for its matches on any date must be selected in accordance with the Junior Player Selection Policy, as seen in Appendix 6.
- 4.2.4 The GMS provides for the management of a club's teams selection in line with the Policy, however, the EHCD or AJLCC reserve the right to;
- determine at any time if a club is in breach of the principles; or
 - if the requirements as shown in the summary should be overridden in specific scenarios by the issuing of a Selection Exemption Pass to ensure the principles can be met.

4.3 Dress

- 4.3.1 Standard kit regulations are as below and should be the aspiration at all Tiers. It is accepted however that at some Tiers these may not be achievable.
- 4.3.2 The two teams must wear shirts and knee length socks that distinguish them from each other and the umpires, in accordance with publicised team colours.
- 4.3.3 Field players shall wear shorts, skirts or skorts in accordance with team colours shown on the team sheet (N.B. players from the same team do not have to wear the same type of item as other players in their team).
- 4.3.4 If teams' shirts' and/or socks' colours clash then the away team must wear alternative colours.

- 4.3.5 Additional Clothing – Any additional clothing (e.g., cycle shorts, leggings or long-sleeved under-shirts) should be of the same colour as the corresponding item of clothing shown on the team-sheet but if not, it must not, in the opinion of the umpires, clash with the opposition's corresponding item of clothing (shirt and socks).
- 4.3.6 Goalkeepers must wear shirts that distinguish them from both teams' field players and the umpires and must wear protective equipment as specified in the current Rules of Hockey.
- 4.3.7 At Tier 1 and Tier 2 players must wear shirts individually numbered on the back with the number allocated on the team-sheet. All numbers shall be no less than 8" (20cm) in height and shall contrast with the colour of the shirt.
- 4.3.8 Turbans, Hijabs (or other agreed head coverings) should be plain or match the shirt in line with club colours on the team sheet. For all head coverings, they must not:
- be attached to the playing shirt;
 - have any protruding items from the surface;
 - have any metal fastenings or pins;
 - cause a danger to the player, or other players;
 - have the potential to be inadvertently pulled or unravelled.

5. FIXTURE MANAGEMENT & MATCHDAY ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Dates

- 5.1.1 AJLCC and EHCD will issue fixtures with their scheduled dates. (Provisional dates published in Priority & Centralised Calendar).
- 5.1.2 All matches in all competitions must be played on the scheduled date unless, either the match is postponed due to bad weather when the match shall be played on the first available published reserve date or approval has been given by the competition organiser to play the match on an alternative date due to exceptional circumstances.
- 5.1.3 If any match is rescheduled priority for players will be the originally scheduled activity on that date.

5.2 Venue & start times

- 5.2.1 Each team shall provide, using the GMS, the proposed time and venue for each of its home matches no less than 14 days in advance of the match. However, deadline dates can be varied at the discretion of the AJLCC or EHCD.
- 5.2.2 Match start times shall be between 10:00-16:30 hrs but may be played outside of these times if agreed by both teams. Consideration must be given in terms of travel times when setting the start times of matches.
- 5.2.3 Any offshore island team participating in the EHC shall play its home matches on the mainland unless that team is able fully to contribute towards the additional expenses incurred by the away team and match officials in travelling to the home team's venue. This includes accommodation, flights/ferries and associated parking.

5.3 Pitches & facilities

- 5.3.1 All competition matches must be played on artificial turf pitches. AJLCCs and EHCD, reserve the right to not allow a specific pitch to be used for matches if it deems it unsuitable.
- 5.3.2 It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure that pitch facilities, including markings, goals and goal nets are satisfactory.
- 5.3.3 There must be a toilet on site at any venue used.

6 TEAMS, MATCH SHEETS & RESULTS

6.1 Teams

- 6.1.1 A team shall be entitled to nominate up to 16 players in its squad for each match.

6.2 Match sheets

- 6.2.1 For matches at T1 or T2 players and any team officials must be uploaded onto the match sheet on the GMS no less than 1 hour before a match is played.
- 6.2.2 By uploading a player onto the match sheet, the club confirms that each player listed is eligible to play and will be deemed to have played in that match.

6.3 Results

- 6.3.1 The home team must confirm the score on the GMS no later than 20:00 hrs on the day of match.
- 6.3.2 Both teams must confirm full details of goals, scorers and injuries no later than 20:00 hrs on the day after the match.

7 POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

7.1 Priority

All matches in all competitions must be played on the scheduled date and no postponement will be permitted except in the case of, adverse weather or travel conditions. Other exceptional circumstances that cause a match to not be played or abandoned may be considered by the competition organiser. If any match is rescheduled as a result of postponement or abandonment, the game is to be played on the next available slip date, as per the calendar, or within 14 days of the original fixture date. The new date of the game must be reported to and agreed by EHCD / AJLCC.

7.2 Bad Weather or Travel

7.2.1 General:

- i. Immediately prior to the commencement of a match, or once a game has started, the decision on whether it should be postponed or abandoned is determined by the umpires in consultation with the team managers. Safety of participants shall be a key factor in any decision making.
- ii. In the event of a match having to be abandoned, the relevant competition organiser will decide on the action to be taken after receiving a report from the Umpires and teams. Such a decision may necessitate a replay of the fixture, dependent on the circumstances at the time of abandonment.
- iii. In the event of a postponement and/or replay of an abandoned match, a new match date must be agreed by both teams and the competition organiser within 3 days of the original match date. If teams cannot agree the relevant competition organiser will determine the outcome which may, but not exclusively, include, setting the date, confirming if the match should be awarded to one of the teams, determining that the result is recorded as a draw.
- iv. In the event of the home team wishing to postpone a match due to adverse conditions, the away team shall, at its own cost, have the right to inspect the ground prior to a decision regarding postponement being reached.

7.2.2 Pitch:

The home team should use the following procedures:

- i. The home team administrator should ascertain from the visiting team, and any appointed umpires/officials, the latest time of notification of cancellation, i.e. when they intend to depart for the pitch venue. If an overnight stay prior to the game is expected, this time should be adjusted accordingly. If it is clear that the pitch will be unfit due to weather earlier than the above time, the visiting team, and any appointed umpires/officials should be informed immediately.
- ii. It is the responsibility of the home team to inspect the pitch prior to the above-mentioned departure time. The administrator and/or a member of the home team's leadership should do this and a realistic view must be taken at this stage. They should check with Met Office (www.metoffice.gov.uk) to confirm weather conditions for the next 24/48 hours. All teams should use the Met Office as a standardised reference for weather conditions. If the pitch is unfit and is likely to remain so, the game should be postponed, and the following action taken:
 - a) notify the visiting team, and appointed umpires/officials;
 - b) notify the relevant competition organiser;
 - c) if the teams and umpires/officials have arrived, Regulation 7.2.1 shall apply;
 - d) if a team fails to follow the above procedures and, when all parties arrive, it is clear that the pitch was, and patently has been, unfit prior to the times outlined above, the teams will be asked to submit a report for the consideration of the competition organiser who may take action as it deems appropriate.

7.2.3 Travel:

The away team should use the following procedures:

- i. The away team administrator should check with Met Office (www.metoffice.gov.uk) and Highways England and/or Highways Wales (www.trafficengland.com or www.traffic.wales) to confirm weather and travel conditions and guidance for the next 24/48 hours. All teams should use the Met Office, Highways England and/or Highways Wales as a standardised reference for weather/travel conditions. If guidance is that you should not travel, and the guidance is that this will not change prior to intended departure the game should be postponed, and the following action taken:
 - a) notify the opposing team, and any appointed umpires/officials;
 - b) notify the relevant competition organiser.

NOTE: Whilst it is accepted that no system of match postponement can be perfect, teams are requested to try and ensure that games are postponed in sufficient time for teams and officials to be saved the time and expense of wasted journeys.

8 TROPHIES

Any club that wins a perpetual trophy must arrange for it to be returned at the club's cost to the relevant competition organiser by 1st February, unless otherwise agreed by the competition organiser. The AJLCC or EHCD will advise the club if the trophy is to be engraved or not engraved in advance of this. The cost of any additional engraving or a replacement if a trophy is misplaced by a club will be invoiced to the relevant club.

9 BREACH OF REGULATIONS & PENALTIES

9.1 General

- 9.1.1 The provisions contained in these Regulations are without prejudice to anything contained in the EH Code of Conduct

- 9.1.2 , but any club or team or individual found to be in breach of these Regulations may be subject to further penalties, as may be determined by the AJLCC or EHCD, in addition to any penalty imposed by any EH Disciplinary Body.
- 9.1.3 For breaches of any or all of these Regulations, and/or the EH Code of Conduct, the AJLCC or EHCD shall apply the standard tariff of penalties set out in Appendix 7 save that, in exceptional circumstances or when there is no standard tariff provided for, the AJLCC or EHCD may impose any penalty, including, but not exclusively, the deduction of points, fines and suspension of players, and may require teams to play matches away from their home venue. These may be applied within the current and/or subsequent season.
- 9.1.4 When imposing any penalty, the AJLCC or EHCD shall have regard to any recommendation that may have been made by any relevant Disciplinary Body under the provisions of any regulation included in the EH Code of Conduct .
- 9.1.5 Any club or team that believes that there has been a breach of the regulations in a match by their opposition, has 3 days from that match to report it to the AJLCC/EHCD. Any such report must include all relevant details and proof of the breach.
- 9.1.6 The standard tariff of penalties for breach of regulations can be seen in Appendix 7.

9.2 Appeal Procedure – against a decision of AJLCC

- 9.2.1 There shall be no appeal against the decision of an umpire.
- 9.2.2 Clubs and teams have the right to appeal against a decision of the AJLCC as set out in this Regulation.
 - 9.2.2.1 The Appeal to the Area Appeal Panel (AAP) must be commenced by an Appeal Notice (Appendix 8) marked for the attention of the AAP sent to and received by the AJLCC not later than 3 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. The full Appeal, including copies of all documents and the written statements of any witnesses upon which the Appellant intends to rely in the Appeal, must be sent to and received by the Appeal Panel not later than 7 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against.
 - 9.2.2.2 The Appeal Notice should be sent by email to the AJLCC. A deposit of £100 must be sent within 7 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. This will be returned, all or in part, if the Appeal is successful. As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the full Appeal (i.e. 7 days after the notification of the decision to be appealed against), the Chair of the AAP shall give directions for the further conduct of the Appeal, which may include inviting or permitting any club that may be affected by the Appeal to submit written evidence and/or submissions in support or against the Appellant
 - 9.2.2.3 The Chair of the AAP may, upon the application in writing made by or on behalf of the Appellant, stay, suspend or vary any penalty that is the subject of an Appeal pending determination of the Appeal, and, in exceptional circumstances, may extend the time for appealing upon such terms, if any, as the Chair may think fit. The decision of the Chair shall be final.
 - 9.2.2.4 Save where the Chair of the AAP directs otherwise, all Appeals will be dealt with in writing by email unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing, in which case the Chair of the AAP may direct an oral hearing.
 - 9.2.2.5 The parties to the Appeal are the Appellant and the AJLCC, to be represented by a member of the AJLCC appointed for the purpose by the AJLCC.
 - 9.2.2.6 Any other club that may be directly affected by an Appeal shall, as soon as reasonably possible, be notified of the Appeal and subsequently the outcome of the Appeal.
- 9.2.3 An Appeal shall be by way of a review only and not by way of a rehearing
- 9.2.4 The AAP will allow an Appeal where the decision of the AJLCC was:
 - (a) based on an error of fact or could not have reasonably been reached by the AJLCC when faced with the evidence before it; or
 - (b) there was serious injustice because of a procedural or other irregularity in the proceedings or
 - (c) significant and relevant new evidence has come to light which was not available before the AJLCC decision was made and could not have reasonably been obtained earlier but, had it been available, may have caused the AJLCC to reach a materially different Decision; or
 - (d) the Sanction imposed is manifestly unreasonable in the light of the relevant AJLCC decision. of the AJLCC unless the AAP considers that in the circumstances of the individual Appeal it would be in the interests of justice to treat the Appeal as a re-hearing of the matter (whether or not an oral hearing has been directed, and whether or not there is additional evidence available to the AAP than was before the AJLCC).
- 9.2.5 If an Appeal is not allowed in full, the AAP may impose any sanction that the AJLCC could have imposed.
- 9.2.6 Where there has been an oral hearing of an Appeal the decision of the AAP may include a direction that the Appellant shall pay all or part of the costs of the Appeal to be summarily assessed by the AAP.
 - 9.2.6.1 The decision of the AAP shall be notified in writing to the parties to the Appeal within 48 hours of the decision. Succinct reasons for the decision shall be sent to the parties to the Appeal and the EHCD within 7 days of the decision. The Chair of the AAP may extend the timetable in this paragraph.

9.2.7 Save as provided for under Regulation 9.2.8, the decision of the AAP shall be final.

9.2.8 Following a decision of the AAP, either the Appellant or the EHCD may request permission for a Further Appeal to be heard by the EH Appeal Panel. EHCD may request a Further Appeal notwithstanding that the AAP may have dismissed the particular Appeal in whole or in part.

9.2.8.1 A request for permission for a Further Appeal must be made within 7 days of the reasons for the decision of the AAP being sent pursuant to Regulation 9.2.6.1. Payment of a deposit of £100 to EH from any Appellant is required within the same period. This will be returned, all or in part, if the Appeal is successful

9.2.8.2 A request for permission for a Further Appeal must be in writing in a document headed "Further Appeal Request" sent to the EHCD marked for the attention of the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel (or if the Further Appeal is by the EHCD sent to the England Hockey Disciplinary Lead as secretary to the EHAP) and copied to the ALMC and the AAP. Within 7 days of receipt of the Further Appeal Request, the AAP shall send as an attachment to an email, copies of all documents that were before the AAP to the England Hockey Disciplinary Lead, to be forwarded to the Chair of the EHAP.

9.2.8.3 The Further Appeal Request should include a summary of the facts and matters relied upon to satisfy the requirements for permission for a Further Appeal as set out in Regulation 9.2.8.1. If permission is granted the Further Appeal Request shall become the Appeal Notice for the purposes of the Further Appeal.

9.2.8.4 As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the Further Appeal Request and the accompanying copy documents, the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel shall consider the Request.

9.2.8.5 Permission for a Further Appeal shall only be granted if, the Chair of the EHAP determines (in their sole discretion) that:

- (a) the Decision of the AAP is based on an error of fact or could not have reasonably been reached by the AAP when faced with the evidence before it;
- (b) there was serious injustice because of a procedural or other irregularity in the AAP proceedings;
- (c) it is in the general interest of the teams and associated bodies involved in the League that the particular issue under appeal should be adjudicated upon by the EHAP; and
- (d) the proposed Further Appeal has a reasonable prospect of success.

9.2.8.6 The decision of the Chair shall be notified in writing to the EHCD, the AAP, the AJLCC and the Appellant that initially appealed the AJLCC decision. If the decision is to permit the Further Appeal the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel is not required to give reasons, but if the decision is to refuse permission, such notification shall include succinct reasons for the decision.

9.2.8.7 If permission for a Further Appeal is granted, such Appeal shall be either in writing or an oral hearing, subject to whatever is requested by the parties or directed by the Chair of the EHAP (whose decision will be final). All oral hearings will be held by video conferencing means and the Chair of the EH Appeal Panel shall issue directions for the further conduct of the hearing.

9.2.8.8 As soon as reasonably practicable after permission for a Further Appeal has been granted, the England Hockey Disciplinary Lead shall constitute a Further Appeal Panel to consider the same. The EHAP shall have the power to:

- (a) confirm, vary or revoke the decision of the AAP;
- (b) confirm, reduce or quash any sanction or order made by the AAP;
- (c) substitute any sanction that would have been available to the AAP; or
- (d) make any other order or determination it considers right or just.

9.2.8.9 Upon conclusion of the Further Appeal, the EHAP may direct that all or a proportion of the Appeal Fee be refunded to the Appellant.

9.2.8.10 The Decision of the EHAP shall be final and binding on all parties

9.3 Appeal Procedure – against a decision of EHCD

9.3.1 There shall be no appeal against the decision of an umpire or appointed Match Official.

9.3.2 Clubs and teams have the right to appeal against a decision of the EHCD as set out in this Regulation.

9.3.3 The Appeal to the England Hockey Appeal Panel (EHAP) must be commenced by an Appeal Notice (Appendix 8) marked for the attention of the England Hockey Appeal Panel sent to and received by EHCD not later than 3 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. The full Appeal, including copies of all documents and the written statements of any witnesses upon which the Appellant intends to rely on in the Appeal must be sent to and received by the Appeal Panel not later than 7 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against.

9.3.4 The Appeal Notice should be sent by email to EHCD. A deposit of £100 must be sent within 7 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. This will be returned, all or in part, if the Appeal is successful. As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the full Appeal (i.e. 7 days after the notification of the decision to be appealed against), the Chair of the EHAP shall give directions for the further conduct of the Appeal, which may include inviting or permitting any club that may be affected by the Appeal to submit written evidence and/or submissions in support or against the Appellant

- 9.3.5 The Chair of the EHAP may, upon the application in writing made by or on behalf of the Appellant, stay, suspend or vary any penalty that is the subject of an Appeal pending determination of the Appeal, and, in exceptional circumstances, may extend the time for appealing upon such terms, if any, as the Chair may think fit. The decision of the Chair shall be final.
- 9.3.6 Save where the Chair of the EHAP directs otherwise, all Appeals will be dealt with in writing by email unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing, in which case the Chair of the EHAP may direct an oral hearing.
- 9.3.7 The parties to the Appeal are the Appellant and EHCD, to be represented by a member of EHCD.
- 9.3.8 Any other club that may be directly affected by an Appeal shall, as soon as reasonably possible, be notified of the Appeal and subsequently the outcome of the Appeal.
- 9.3.9 An Appeal shall be by way of a review only and not by way of a rehearing
- 9.3.10 The EHAP will allow an Appeal where the decision of the EHCD was:
- (a) based on an error of fact or could not have reasonably been reached by the EHCD when faced with the evidence before it; or wrong; or
 - (b) there was serious injustice because of a procedural or other irregularity in the proceedings; or
 - (c) significant and relevant new evidence has come to light which was not available before the EHCD decision was made and could not have reasonably been obtained earlier but, had it been available, may have caused the EHCD to reach a materially different decision; or
 - (d) the Sanction imposed is manifestly unreasonable in the light of the relevant EHCD decision,
- 9.3.11 If an Appeal is not allowed in full, the EHAP may impose any sanction that the AJLCC could have imposed.
- 9.3.12 Where there has been an oral hearing of an Appeal the decision of the EHAP may include a direction that the Appellant shall pay all or part of the costs of the Appeal to be summarily assessed by the EHAP.
- 9.3.13 The decision of the EHAP shall be notified in writing to the parties to the Appeal within 48 hours of the decision. Succinct reasons for the decision shall be sent to the parties to the Appeal and the EHCD within 7 days of the decision. The Chair of the EHAP may extend this timetable.
- 9.3.14 The decision of the EHAP shall be final.

APPENDIX 1 – JUNIOR COMPETITIONS FRAMEWORK

Junior Competitions administered by England Hockey Competitions Department (EHCD) and Area Junior Leagues & Competitions Committees (AJLCC) for U14, U16 & U18 outdoor clubs and teams.

Tiers ranked on strength of competition. Tier 1 strongest, Tier 4 weakest.

U14

Leagues

Tier	Activity / Competition	Organiser	Notes
1	8 Area Leagues (Sep – Dec)	AJLCC	
1a	4 Supra-area Leagues (Jan – Apr)	EHCD	Top teams qualify from Tier 1 Area Leagues held Sep – Dec
1b	8 Area Leagues (Jan – Apr)	AJLCC	Teams who do not qualify for Tier 1a continue from Tier 1 Area Leagues held Sep – Dec
2	Part-area Leagues	AJLCC	
3	Sub-area Leagues	AJLCC or Sub-area	
4	Sub-area Festivals (7-a-side)	AJLCC or Sub-area	

Championships & Knockouts

Tier	Activity / Competition	Organiser	Notes
1	Championships & Plate	EHCD	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Championships
2	Championships & Plate	EHCD	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Championships
3	Knockout Cup & Plate	AJLCC	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Knockout Cup
4	Knockout Cup & Plate	AJLCC	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Knockout Cup

U16

Leagues

Tier	Activity / Competition	Organiser	Notes
1	8 Zonal Leagues (Sep – Jan)	EHCD	
1	4 Supra Leagues (Feb – Apr)	EHCD	Top teams qualify from Tier 1 Area Leagues held Sep – Jan
1	Knockout Championships	EHCD	Teams who do not qualify for Supra Leagues and those who do not qualify for Supra League Finals (see below for more details)
2	Sub-area Leagues	AJLCC	
3	Part-area Leagues	AJLCC or Sub-area	
4	Sub-area Festivals (7-a-side)	AJLCC or Sub-area	

Knockouts

Tier	Activity / Competition	Organiser	Notes
2	Championships & Plate	EHCD	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Championships
3	Knockout Cup & Plate	AJLCC	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Knockout Cup
4	Knockout Cup & Plate	AJLCC	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Knockout Cup

U16 Tier 1 details

Stage 1	Teams play in Zonal leagues, geographic but not rigidly Area based. EH run. Max 8 Divisions with 8 teams in each. Can play each other once or H/A depending on numbers
Stage 2	4 Supra Leagues of 4 teams. Top 16 teams, ie top 2 in each of 8 Zonal leagues (or more qualifiers if fewer leagues are run)
	Top 2 in each Supra League qualify for Finals weekend. Two pools of 4
	Teams finishing 3 & 4 in each Supra League play in Shield QF,SF, Final
	Teams who do not qualify for Supra League play in a KO Plate
	1 st round losers in Plate play in a KO Vase

U18

Leagues

Tier	Activity / Competition	Organiser	Notes
1	8 Area Leagues	AJLCC	
2	Part-area Leagues	AJLCC	
2b	Sub-area Leagues and/or Festivals (11-a-side or 7-a-side)	AJLCC or Sub-area	Format to be confirmed by organiser once entries are finalised

Championships & Knockouts

Tier	Activity / Competition	Organiser	Notes
1	Championships & Plate	EHCD	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Championships
2	Championships & Plate	EHCD	No direct entry permitted to Plate, only for early round losers from Championships

Definitions

Area – 8 Areas formed from AGM Resolution. (North West, Yorkshire & North East, Midlands, East, West, South Central, London and South East).

Supra-area – multiple Areas.

Part-area – Areas split into smaller geographical areas.

Sub-area – Areas split by county.

APPENDIX 2 – ENGLAND HOCKEY POLICIES / RULES / REGULATIONS

All England Hockey policies shall apply to matches in the Junior Competition Framework. These may be revised and or supplemented from time to time by England Hockey but include

- FIH Rules of Hockey (with any variations as determined by EH and as shown in Appendix 3)
- EH Code of Conduct
- EH Disciplinary Regulations
- EH Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey
- EH Privacy Policy
- EH Equality Policy
- EH Guidance on Faith and Fixtures
- EH Trans and Non-Binary Participation Policy
- UK Anti-Doping Rules◦
- EH League Sponsorship Policy
- EH Safe Hockey Policy

Most can be found on the Regulations and Policies Documents page of the EH website:

<https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/governance/rules-and-regulations/regulations-and-policies>

APPENDIX 3 – VARIATIONS TO FIH RULES OF HOCKEY

The Rules of Hockey 2023 shall apply with the exception of Rules 1.9, 5.1, 13.3 and 14, which shall be varied as follows:

Rule 1.9

Flag-posts between 1.20 and 1.50 metres in height are placed at each corner of the field – these are not required.

Rule 5.1

i. U16 and U18 full length games - A match consists of two halves of 35 minutes with a half-time interval of 5-10 minutes (to be agreed before the match starts). For U14s halves will be 30 minutes

Where both teams agree in advance of the game the following further variation may be played

A match consists of 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

ii. For other competition formats match length as determined by AJLCC or EHCD using Appendix 3 for guidance.

Rule 13.3

Time is not stopped after a penalty corner is awarded (unless stopped by the umpire). If a suspended player's period of suspension ends during the taking of a penalty corner the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.

Rule 14 Personal penalties – Suspensions

1. Umpires shall have the authority to suspend any player or official from the team bench for indiscipline, whether temporarily (green or yellow card) or permanently (red card). This will require the relevant team to withdraw a player from the pitch for the duration of the suspension.
2. If a field player receives a green or yellow card, the Umpires stop the match (but not necessarily the time) to issue the card. If time has been stopped, the Umpires re-start it immediately after issuing the card.
3. If a goalkeeper receives a green card, the Umpires stop time and re-start it immediately after that player has left the field of play.
4. The offending player leaves the field immediately. If they interfere with play on their way to the designated suspension area the Umpire may further penalise the player in accordance with the Rules of Hockey.
5. The timing of the temporary suspension starts when the player is seated in the designated area.
6. The offending player is permitted to resume play when the Umpire who suspended them indicates that the period of suspension has been completed unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner in which case the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.
7. If the offending player is a goalkeeper, the Umpires stop the time at the next stoppage of play to enable that player to resume play.
8. Where appointed a Match Official may undertake timing duties on behalf of Umpires.

APPENDIX 4 – MATCH LENGTH TIMES

At U18, U16 and U14 level if playing full length games, teams should only play one full length match in one day, however teams in this and other age groups may play for a longer duration in a tournament or festival with shorter matches. Recommended times are as below.

Age Group	11 or 7 a-side	Max Time in a day*	Max No of games	Min Duration of games^	Duration of games for triangulars~	Max Duration of games
						(& Times for U14 U16 U18 T1 T2 one-off matches)
U18	11	2 hours	4 matches	15 mins e/w	25 mins e/w	70 mins, ie full length game
U16	11	2 hours	4 matches	15 mins e/w	25 mins e/w	70 mins, ie full length game
U14	11	2 hours	4 matches	15 mins e/w	20 mins e/w	60 mins,
U14	7	2 hours	6 matches	10 mins e/w	15 mins e/w	15 mins e/w
U13 & U12	7 or 6	1 hour 45 mins	7 matches	9 mins e/w, 15 mins 1/way	15 mins e/w	15 mins e/w
U11	7 or 6	1 hours 30 mins	9 matches	9 mins e/w, 10 mins 1/way	15 mins e/w	15 mins e/w

*Max Time in a day – this is based on a tournament or festival style activity where teams have multiple games and breaks. Teams must have a break between games. If the Max Time in a day is used it is strongly recommended that the overall length of the activity is at least one and a half times as long, e.g. 2 hours play in 5 hours activity.

^Min Duration of games – these are recommended times for T1 and T2 activity, however organisers may vary these and shorten particularly for lower Tier activity and festivals.

~Triangulars – U16 and U18 T1 and T2

Recommend schedule. Matches 25 mins e/w.

0000 hrs Match 1 – A v B
0130 hrs Match 2 – B v C
0300 hrs Match 3 – C v A

~Triangulars – U14 T1 and T2

Recommended schedule. Matches 20 mins e/w.

0000 hrs Match 1 – A v B
0120 hrs Match 2 – B v C
0240 hrs Match 3 – C v A

APPENDIX 5 – SHOOT-OUT COMPETITION

In a shoot-out competition, five players from each team take a one-on-one shoot-out alternately against a goalkeeper 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 Umpires (or Official where appointed) 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 temporarily suspended (green or 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 Umpires (or Official where appointed) will specify the method of timing shoot-outs taking account of the facilities available and the need to control time accurately.
5. The Umpires (or Official where appointed) 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 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 of the other team making a total of 10 shoot-outs.
12. Taking a shoot-out:
 - a) the goalkeeper starts on or behind the goal-line between the goal posts; the ball is placed on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal;
 - b) an attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball;
 - c) an Umpire blows the whistle to start time;
 - d) an Umpire (or Official where appointed) starts the clock;
 - e) the attacker and the goalkeeper may then move in any direction;
 - f) 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 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;
 - v) the goalkeeper 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 intentionally playing the ball over the back-line.
13. 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.
14. The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has untaken shoot-outs available) is the winner.
15. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
16. 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, cannot be replaced;
 - b) the replacement for a suspended goalkeeper can only come from the five players of that team nominated to take part in the shoot-out competition:
 - i) the replacement goalkeeper is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the goalkeeper 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.
17. If during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper is incapacitated:
 - a) that goalkeeper 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 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Unless varied by these regulations, the Rules of Hockey apply during a shoot-out.

APPENDIX 6 – JUNIOR PLAYER SELECTION POLICY

Applicable to U14, U16 and U18 competitions within the Junior Competition Framework (JCF)

Refer to Reg 4.2. Junior Competition regulation

Tiers

The JCF is aligned to a number of Tiers. The application of regulations and Player Selection will be different at different Tiers to ensure that the expectations are commensurate to the standard of play.

Player Selection Principles

1. For clubs to have reasonable flexibility in managing player selection.
2. For teams in a competition to be selected in hierarchical order and comprise of players who reflect their level of ability within their clubs, based on availability on any one day.
3. To endeavour to ensure that all clubs feel competition is 'fair' and that large or small clubs are not disadvantaged by the application of regulations.
4. To endeavour to ensure that players are able to play and not be 'unselectable' due to competitions' regulations.

Player Selection Summary

Competition	Movement of players between club's teams		'Doubling up'		Latter stages of competition
	Up	Down	Field Player	Fully Kitted GK^	
League competitions	Unrestricted	<u>Tier 1</u> – 1 team <u>Tier 2 & lower</u> – - 1 team	Only permitted in line with 5. below	Yes	<u>Tier 1 & 2</u> – played 50% of matches for selected team* <u>Tier 3 & lower</u> - unrestricted
Championships / knockout competitions	Unrestricted	Not permitted (1)*			Play in previous round or league competitions match during same season*
Indoor competitions	Not permitted*				Not permitted*

[^]Must play in one of the matches as a fully kitted GK, can play as field player or fully kitted GK in other match.

(1) this includes Players who have played in the U14 or U16 Tier 1 Championships after 15 November.

*Selection Exemption Pass may be permitted.

1 General

- 1.1 Players have one junior club.
 - 1.1.1 Players must represent their junior club in all outdoor junior competitions.
 - 1.1.2 Players must represent their junior club in indoor competitions, except,
 - i. Where a player's junior club does not participate in indoor competitions, they may represent a different junior club for indoor competitions only although a quota exists on the number of such players – refer to S6s regulations).
- 1.2 Player movement between clubs is permitted in accordance with 1.2.1 and 1.2.2.
 - 1.2.1 Only one move per season
 - 1.2.2 Player must move before the following
 - i. to play in U14 Tier 1 Supra League and U16 Tier 1 Championships –15 November
 - ii. to play in any other competition at any age group – 01 January (nb both subject to Regs 2 and 3 below)
- 1.3 Players can play in multiple age groups for the same club in outdoor competitions subject to all other regulations
- 1.4 Players cannot play in more than one age group on the same weekend. Except
 - i. where a player doubles up to play in at least one match as a fully kitted GK.

- ii authority to do so has been granted by the relevant AJLMC in line with Regulation 5. Below)
- 1.5 Any player who has played for England U16 or U18 must play for the highest ranked team in their club and not below T2.
- 1.6 No guest players permitted.

2 Players who move clubs

- 2.1 If a player moves junior club, they are bound to the new club across all junior competitions.

2.2 In Knockout competitions

2.2.1 a player becomes 'cup-tied' to a club after their first appearance in a competition. Once 'cup-tied', if a player moves clubs, they cannot represent either their new club or their previous club in a knockout competition.

2.3 In League competitions and the U16 T1 Championships, once the move has been completed, a player can only represent their new club.

3 Multiple teams from one club

- 3.1 In league competitions players can represent multiple teams from within the same club, subject to all other regulations in accordance with 3.1.1 – 3.1.3.
 - 3.1.1 **In the U14 T1 and U16 T1 competitions** a player becomes tied to a team at 15 November. After that date a player can only play for one U14 T1 team and/or one U16 T1 team and may not play for a different team in a knockout competition at that age group.
 - 3.1.2 Players whose last match was in Tier 1 competition can only move down one team at that age group within the same club.
 - 3.1.3 Players whose last match was in Tier 2 or lower competition can move down one team at that age group within the same club.
- 3.2 **In the U14, U16T2 and U18 knockout competitions** a player becomes 'cup tied' to a team at an age group after their first appearance in a competition at that age group. Once cup-tied they can only represent the same team, or higher teams in future rounds of the competition

4 Latter stages of competition

- 4.1.1 At Tier 1 and Tier 2, after 50% of a team's matches have been played, players must have played 50% of their matches for that team
- 4.1.2 At Tier 3 or lower there are no further restrictions towards the latter stages of a competition.
- 4.2 In Championships / knockout competitions, U16 Tier 1 Championships, U14 Tier 1 Supra League to play in a Semi-final or Final, or National Finals, players must have played for that team in a previous round or in a previous league competitions match during the same season

5 Playing two matches on one day. (nb full length – 60 mins or 70 mins matches)

- 5.1 This shall apply for Area league matches only
- 5.2 Players may not play in the same age group, eg they may play U14 T2, U16 T2
- 5.3 Players may not play more than 3 full length matches in a weekend, including Saturday league hockey, school matches.
- 5.4 Players may not be attending TA activity on the following (Monday) evening.

6 Selection Exemption Pass (SXP)

- 6.1 A club may request a Selection Exemption Pass (SXP) for a player or players. If granted by EHCD or AJLCC the SXP will exempt them from specific Player Selection & Player Eligibility Principles for a specified time period to meet the Aims of Player Selection
- 6.2 Examples of relevant circumstances where exemptions may apply in genuine cases, where a player's movement between teams is greater than shown in the tables in Regulation 8. Player Selection & Player Eligibility. The scenarios listed are not exhaustive and are intended to provide examples of circumstances in which a Selection Exemption might be considered by EHCD or AJLCC
 - 6.2.1 Player playing at lower Tier than previously eg returning from injury after a few weeks absence as they work their way back to full fitness
 - 6.2.2 Player wishing to move clubs more than once in a season due to change of circumstances, eg family moving house
 - 6.2.3 Player wishing to move clubs after the deadline due to change in circumstances, eg family moving house
 - 6.2.4 Player who has become cup tied in Championships / knockout competitions wishing to play for a lower Tier team. eg the player played for a higher Tier team due to unavailability
 - 6.2.5 Player wishing to play in the latter stages of a competition where they have not played 50% of their matches for that team. eg if the player has missed matches due to unavailability or injury
 - 6.2.6 Player wishing to play in a Semi-final or Final of Championships who has not played for that team in a previous round or in a previous league competitions match during the same season. eg if they have been unavailable due to illness or injury or wish to play for a higher Tier team due to unavailability.

APPENDIX 7 - STANDARD TARIFF OF PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF REGULATIONS

1. Please Refer to Regulation 9

2. Breaches

2.1 Stages - Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 below refer to an individual breach and the process giving the opportunity to rectify this. A second breach of the same Regulation may result in this being treated as Stage 2.

2.2 Repeat Breaches – 1st Occurrence, 2nd Occurrence, 3rd Occurrence below refer to the same Regulation being breached on one or more occasions. Penalties may be doubled for repeat breaches.

3. Fines

3.1 There are recommended amounts for fines, Tariff 1 (T1) - £25, Tariff 2 (T2) - £50, Tariff 3 (T3) - £100.

3.2 Note waiving of a fine is at the discretion of AJLCC or EHCD.

3.3 Where a fine is applied it will be doubled for repeat offences.

3.4 Payment of fines is within 28 days unless alternative date is set by AJLCC.

REGULATION	SUB-SECTION	BREACH			FINE
		STAGE 1 or 1 st OCCURRENCE	STAGE 2 or 2 nd OCCURRENCE	STAGE 3 or 3 rd OCCURRENCE	
3. Entry into the Competition	3.2.3 Completed by the due date its membership of England Hockey and ther payments.	Reminder that it needs to be completed with a revised deadline.	If new deadline not met. Warning that it must be completed prior to next match.	Club fixtures awarded as walkovers until completed. Fine.	T1
4. Player Selection	4.1 Fielding an ineligible player or 4.2.1 Fielding a player not complying with principles of team selection.	Match recorded as loss (8-0 in a league game or higher score as determined			
5. Fixture Management	5.2.1 Provide time and venue for each of its home matches by deadline - subject to any Variation discretion of the AJLCC. EHCD	Reminder that this needs to be completed.	Reminder for 2 nd occurrence.	Discretionary Fine.	T1
5. Matchday Administration	5.3 Provision of Pitch & facilities and changing facilities in line with Regulation and no effort to mitigate.	Warning.	Fine.		T1
6. Team, Match Sheets & Results	6.2.1 Team late in uploading all players and any team officials participating in a match onto the match sheet on the GMS by specified time.	Warning.	Warning.	Warning & fine for persistent non-compliance.	T1
	6.2.2 Fielding an ineligible player in a match.	Match recorded as loss (8-0 in a league game or higher score as determined).			

	6.3.1 Team late to confirm score on the GMS by specified time. or 6.3.2 Team late to confirm details of goals, cards and injuries on the GMS by specified time.	Warning.	Warning.	Warning & fine for persistent non-compliance.	T1
	Falsifying information on match sheet.	Match recorded as 8-0 loss (or higher score as determined) Fine. Plus 1 point deduction if a league match.			T1
7. Postponement or Abandonment	7. Failure to comply with regulation.	Match recorded as 8-0 loss for deliberate/ negligent failure. Fine and/or reimbursement of opposition expenses.			T1 plus opposition expenses.
8. Trophies	8.1.1 Failure to return and not engraved (if specified).	Fine plus any additional costs incurred if returned late.	Additional fine if lost or not returned in time for presentation.		T1 plus additional costs.
Any regulations not covered above	Significant or persistent violation.	Penalty as determined by AJLCC or EHCD.			

APPENDIX 8 – APPEAL NOTICE

AREA APPEAL NOTICE

To be sent to relevant AJLCC or EHCD pursuant to Regulation 9.2

Appellant (name of Club and or team)	
Competition (if relevant)	
Name of Person submitting Appeal Notice	
Position with Club	
Email	
Phone Number	
Decision being Appealed	
Date of Notification of Decision	
Short reason for Appeal	

The club/team confirms that;

1. It wishes to Appeal the decision above and is doing so within 3 days of the date of notification of decision.
2. It agrees to pay the deposit of £100 within 7 days of the date of notification of decision.
3. It agrees to submit the full details of its appeal within 7 days of the date of notification of decision.
4. It understands it will forfeit the right to Appeal if it does not comply with 2. Or 3.
5. It may withdraw its appeal prior to submission of the full details and the deposit will be returned.

Signed	
Print Name	
Position with Club	
Date	