BOYS 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 Boys Hockey Championships shall be:

1.1 to be enrolled in a secondary school as a full time bona-fide pupil;

1.2 to be 16 years and under as of the 31 December in the year of competition. Tasmania is able to select up to 8 players aged 16 years and 6 months.

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**

3.1 **Laws**

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

3.2 **Team Composition/Size etc**

3.2.1 A maximum of sixteen (16) players per team may be entered by each state/territory, being limited to one team per state/territory.

3.2.2 Any state/territory playing a boy who is not 16 years and under as of 31 December of the year of the Championships shall forfeit all points for the Championships.

3.2.3 **Age Dispensation ACT**. The ACT Boys Hockey team is granted six months age dispensation for the U16 Boys School Sport Australia Hockey Championships 2011-2013 for eight (8) players.

3.3 **Draws/Program of Events/Competition Format**

3.3.1 The actual venue of the next Championships shall be nominated by the host state at the Post-Championship Meeting of the Championships and ratified by School Sport Australia at its annual meeting in November.

3.3.2 The date of the Australian Championships shall be decided by School Sport Australia and shall be within or as close as possible to the second week in August, bearing in mind the Hockey Australia junior program dates.

3.3.3 Where less than four states/territories indicate their willingness to participate, the Championships shall be abandoned for that year.

3.3.4 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.

The School Sport Australia Boys 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.
A. **FOUR TEAMS**
i) Eliminate the two non-competing teams from the draw and program two rounds of matches with two games per day. No finals.

B. **FIVE TEAMS**
i) 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.

C. **SEVEN TEAMS**
Use Appendix A (attached).

D. **EIGHT TEAMS**
Use the eight team Championship Draw from the Hockey Australia Operational Manual.

3.3.5 That convening states consider moving games to the afternoon and evening, should the managing association feel it possible.
9.00am, 10.30am, noon, 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm.

3.4 **Match Times/Breaks/Timekeeping etc**

3.4.1 A match shall consist of two periods of 35 minutes each separated by an interval which shall not exceed 10 minutes (minimum 5 minutes). The Sports Management Committee shall have the power to vary the duration of matches when a double round robin is played.

3.4.2 If any match should be interrupted by the umpires due to atmospheric conditions, the following rules shall apply:

3.4.2.1 A game stopped before the end of the 20th minute of play shall be wholly replayed.

3.4.2.2 A game stopped after the end of the 20 minute of play shall be resumed as soon as possible, with the score standing at the time of interruption and shall be completed to the end of the regulation time but not necessarily on the same ground.

3.5 **Scoring/Points Allocation**

3.5.1 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

3.5.2 In determining the rankings after the round robin matches, the rules as per the Hockey Australia Operational Manual Attachment R shall be used.

a) 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) penalty stroke competition between the teams.

f) Should there still remain equality between **three** or **more teams**, then each team will play a penalty stroke competition against the other teams in the same sequence of matches as per the Championship draw.

A ranking will then be established based upon the results of each set of **five (5)** penalty strokes between two teams as follows:

i) Three (3) points to the team scoring the highest number of goals.
ii) One (1) point to each team scoring an equal number of goals.
iii) No points to the team scoring the lowest number of goals.
If equality remains then teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to Rules 3.5.2(a), (b), (c) and (d) as applied to goals recorded during the penalty stroke 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 penalty strokes are required.

3.5.3 **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.

3.5.4 **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.

3.5.5 **Failure to Play - Scratching:**
3.5.5.1 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.

3.5.5.2 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.

3.5.5.3 A team refusing to play a match entered on its program shall be considered as scratching from the competition.

3.6 **Equipment - Balls, Footwear etc** - as per Hockey Australia rules.

3.6.1 Goalkeepers should wear shirts that are numbered on the front as well as the back.

3.6.2 Goalkeepers shirts should be a different colour to the shirts of players in their own team and the opposition team.

3.7 **Playing Area/Field** - The Australian Schoolboys Hockey Championships shall be played on a water based artificial surface.

3.8 **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.

3.9 **Judiciary/Reports/Send Offs/Sin Bin etc**

3.9.1 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.

3.9.2 The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members, the championship convenor, the umpire’s manager and the technical director.

3.9.3 The Championship convenor shall chair the appeals committee.

3.9.4 The National Secretary shall act as a reserve for the appeals committee.

3.10 **Protests/Appeals/Suspensions**
3.10.1 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 intention to do so under the signature on the match sheet.

3.10.2 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.
3.10.3 The Appeals Committee shall suspend players for one or more matches of the Championships.
   
   3.10.3.1 Any player who has accumulated ten or more demerit points during one or more matches of the Championships.
   3.10.3.2 Any player, reserve player or team official who has misbehaved before, during or after any match of the Championships.

3.10.4 For the purpose of sub clause 3.10.3 herein, demerit points shall accumulate at the rate relevant to the current practice of Hockey Australia as stated in the Operational Manual and administered by the technical director of the Championships.

3.10.5 Points will not be nullified after serving of suspension, and should a player receive any further points, they should immediately appear before the Appeals Committee.

3.10.6 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.

3.10.7 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.

3.10.8 The player or reserve player who is to be suspended pursuant to sub-clause 3.10.3 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.

3.10.9 In respect of the otherwise automatic suspension arising from the operation of sub-clause 3.10.3 herein, the Appeals Committee may refrain from imposing such suspension in order to avoid an obvious miscarriage of justice.

3.11 Coaching - admissions on field etc

3.11.1 No one except the players and the umpires properly engaged in a given match may enter the field of play during the match unless he is 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.

3.11.2 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.

3.12 Uniforms - numbering/colouring etc
3.12.1 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 coloured ribbon on his sleeve, supplied by the host state.

3.12.2 Players should all be numbered from 1 to 16 as per the team list. Field players should have a numbered uniform from 1 to 14 and goalkeepers’ uniforms must differ from the players’ uniform of his team in colour and design. Goalkeepers should be numbered 15 and 16.
SECTION B - Guidelines for Organisation

1. **MEETINGS**

1.1 **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 to be held prior to the commencement of matches.

1.2 The **Post-Event Meeting** shall be held as close as possible to the end of the Championships.

1.3 The Umpires’ Manager will convene a meeting with all umpires prior to the commencement of matches.

2. **UMPIRES**

2.1 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 Boys Hockey Championship. The panel should number 6-8 persons.

2.2 Umpires selected for the Championships, when necessary, should be accommodated by the host state as part of the Championship levy. Billeting is encouraged as a first option of accommodation for student umpires.

2.3 Where possible, the Host State through Hockey Australia is to appoint an accredited umpire manager to accredit umpires on their performance at the championship.

2.4 Umpires’ shirts should be provided by the Host State as part of the Championship levy.

3. **CEREMONIES**

3.1 Official Opening Ceremony and parade of teams.

3.2 Closing Ceremony, presentations and parade of teams.

4. **TROPHIES/AWARDS/MEDALS**

* Awards to be presented:*

4.1 Player of the Series - the selection procedure to be determined by the organising committee and endorsed at the Pre-event meeting. This person should be an exemplar of the criteria set in the Selection of the Australian Team Rule 6.2.2.

4.2 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.

4.3 All members of the Australian Team will receive a suitable memento as decided by the host state association. If medals are awarded they must be different to those awarded to placegetters by the School Sport Australia.

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

5. **EXCURSIONS/SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

5.1 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.

5.2 Where possible, the team officials’ dinner should be held on the night prior to the Educational Excursion.

6. **AUSTRALIAN TEAM/TOURING TEAMS/SELECTION PROCEDURES**

6.1 A Selection Committee will be 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. The National Secretary is to chair a three person selection committee.

Where the team is not scheduled to tour, the host state may choose to appoint local selectors if available.

6.2.1 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.
6.2.2 The criteria for selection of players in an Australian Team should follow these general guidelines:
   a) Sixteen (16) players who participated in the School Sport Australia Championships in the year of
      selection shall be selected in the Australian Schoolboys’ Hockey Team, two of whom should be goalkeepers.
   b) 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.
   c) 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).
   d) Players selected must display a high degree of sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour both on and off the
      field.

6.2.3 A suitably inscribed memento (different from the School Sport Australia medallions for placegetters) should be
presented to those selected in the Australian Team. The host is responsible for selecting the memento and any
costs should be part of the Championship budget.

6.3 The names of team members selected for international competition shall be submitted for the approval of the
Sports Management Committee. The Management Committee shall have the right to reject any selected player on
grounds other than playing ability.

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Seven (7) team competition draw
Draw for School Sport Australia Boys 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. Checking with the national secretary can verify the placing of all teams on the draw.
* - Denotes the team with the double header on that day

Day 1  Sunday 7th 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 8th August
Game 1  3 v 1
Game 2  5 v 4
Game 3  6 v 2
Game 4  7 v 1*

Day 3  Tuesday 9th 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*
Official Dinner tonight

Day 4  Wednesday 10th August
Rest Day – Educational Excursion

Day 5  Thursday 11th August
Game 1  7 v 3
Game 2  6 v 1
Game 3  2 v 4
Game 4  5 v 3*

Day 6  Friday 12th August
Game 1  4 v 7
Game 2  2 v 3
Game 3  1 v 5
Game 4  4* v 6

Day 7  Saturday 13th August
7th team has a bye on the finals day
Game 1  5th v 6th
Game 2  3rd v 4th
Game 3  1st v 2nd
Closing ceremony and presentations to follow the final.
All teams travel home today.
### APPENDIX B

#### SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA BOYS HOCKEY

On the 8 team round robin format the games 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.

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