SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
SECONDARY SCHOOLS GIRLS HOCKEY
RULES AND GUIDELINES

Note: These rules and guidelines should be read in conjunction with the SSA Standard Sports Association Constitution and School Sport Australia General Policies and Guidelines.

1.0 COMPETITION RULES

1.1 Rules of the Game
The rules for play shall be those of the Australian Hockey Association, except where stated below.

1.2 Player Participation
1.2.1 Qualification for selection in teams to compete at the Championship shall be 16 years or under in the calendar year of competition. Tasmania is able to select up to 8 players aged 16 years and 6 months.

1.3 Team Size
1.3.1 Each state/territory may enter a team. A team consists of up to sixteen (16) hockey players, plus two adult officials.
1.3.2 Additional student umpires may accompany the team.
1.3.3 Any State/Territory playing a student who is ineligible, shall forfeit all points for the championship.
1.3.4 All students who participate in the School Sport Australia Girls Hockey Championship must remain in the host/state territory throughout the duration of the championship and be bound by all championship arrangements.

1.4 Cards/Suspensions
1.4.1 The Judiciary Committee shall suspend for one or more matches of the competition any player who has accumulated ten (10) or more demerit points during one or more matches of the championship.
1.4.2 A penalty points system for cards issued will operate. Cards will attract the following points penalties:
   Green card 0 points
   Yellow card 5 points
   Red card 10 points
1.4.3 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.
1.4.4 In respect of the automatic further suspension arising from 1.4.1, the Judiciary Committee may refrain from imposing such suspension in order to avoid any obvious miscarriage of justice.
1.4.5 Any appeal to player suspension must be lodged with the national secretary or delegate within 20 minutes of completion of the game in which the incident occurred.

2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.1 Draw
2.1.1 The Championships shall be played in accordance with the following draw/s

a. Where four States/Territories compete:

| Round 1 | 1 v 2 | 3 v 4 |
| Round 2 | 1 v 3 | 2 v 4 |
| Round 3 | 1 v 4 | 2 v 3 |

b. Where five States/Territories compete:

| Round 1 | 1 v 2 | 3 v 2 | 5 Bye |
| Round 2 | 1 v 3 | 2 v 5 | 4 Bye |
| Round 3 | 1 v 5 | 2 v 4 | 3 Bye |
| Round 4 | 1 v 4 | 3 v 5 | 2 Bye |
| Round 5 | 4 v 5 | 2 v 3 | 1 Bye |
Where six State/Territories compete:

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d. Where seven States/Territories compete:

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When using a 7 team draw, the previous year finishing places are used to determine the numbers in the draw.

e. Where eight States/Territories compete:

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On the 8 team round robin format the games be reduced to 30 minute halves with exception of the 1 v 2 final.

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

2.1.2 The allocation of number symbols to each participant shall be drawn by ballot at the Annual General Meeting and shall apply to the next Australian Championship.  In the advent of additional states/territories entering the competition after the Annual General Meeting, they shall be allocated the numbers 5, 6, 7 etc, as each nomination is received by the Championship Convenor.

2.1.3 The number of matches during the championship to be as follows
i) With 4 teams: 2 rounds no final
ii) With 5 teams 1 round final playoff between 2 leading teams
iii) With 6 or more teams Classification finals on last day

2.1.4 The Staging of the Australian Championships 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 a rest day must be included.

2.1.5 At least twelve (12) weeks prior to the commencement of the championship the championship convenor shall submit to the 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 (2) weeks of receiving it. Any amendment to the program shall be circulated as early as possible to all states/territories.

2.2 Points Allocation

2.2.1 Each team shall play a qualifying round of one match against each of the other teams and points shall be allocated for these matches as follows:
Three (3) points to the winner
One (1) point to each team in the event of a draw
No points to the loser

2.2.2 Teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition.

a. If at the end of the competition two or more teams have the same number of points for any place, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of matches won.

b. Should there still remain equality between two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means goals for less goals against).

c. If there still remains equality between two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of goals “for”
d. If there remains equality between two or more teams with the number of matches won, then the result(s) of the matches (eg) between (only) those teams involved will be taken into consideration for determining the ranking of the tied teams.

e. If there is still no higher ranked team, then a penalty stroke competition will be used to determine final standings.

2.2.3 Finals
For 3rd and 8th playoff, in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time, then the team that has finished higher in round robin rankings will be determined the higher ranked team. Should there be no determining factors then tied positions will be awarded.
For positions 1st and 2nd, in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time then a sudden death drop off will be played following AHL rules. If there is still no result at the conclusion of extra time, a penalty stroke competition will be played.

2.3 Duration of Games
2.3.1 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.
2.3.2 Where possible host/states/territories will operate match conditions under the same procedures as used by Hockey Australia in conducting their National Championships.
2.3.3 Warm up - games should have a 15 minute warm up on the pitch and no less than 10 minutes.

3.0 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

3.1 Venue
3.1.1 The Championship should be played on the best available water-based surface

3.2 Games Equipment
3.2.1 As per Hockey Australia rules
3.2.2 Host state to provide the match balls. One new ball is required each day of the championship. Host state to provide appropriately attired ball kids for all matches of the championship. Minimum of four (4) required for each match.

3.2.3 States/Territories should note that goalkeepers must wear a shirt or garment which is different in colour from that of both teams. They must also wear a number on the front and the back.

3.3 Team Lists –
3.3.1 Manager to submit a team list to the bench prior to the commencement of the match.
3.3.2 Team lists will be given out at the Pre-Match Meeting by the Host State Convenor.

3.4 Uniforms
3.4.1 Players must be numbered 1-60. All players’ numbers are to be forwarded to the Host State four (4) weeks prior to the Championships.
3.4.2 If any State wishes to change either of their two primary colours, they should notify the National Secretary two (2) months prior to the Championships.
3.4.3 Colour for an Invitational Team should be sent to the National Secretary at least two (2) months prior to the Championship.
3.4.4 Any obvious clashes in uniform will be discussed at the Pre-Match Meeting.

4.0 MATCH OFFICIALS

4.1 Umpires
4.1.1 The National Secretary to negotiate with Hockey Australia for the provision of umpires for this Championship.
4.1.2 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.
4.1.3 It is the Host State’s responsibility to roster umpires and decide upon suitable payment (where applicable)
4.1.4 In the case of Junior Umpires it is the responsibility of the Umpires Convenor 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.
4.1.5 Whenever possible, the umpire’s pool to be drawn from a combination of senior and student umpires.
4.1.6 Official team representatives should meet with the umpire’s coach at the conclusion of play on day 2 of the championship.
4.1.7 No coaches, managers, or parents of participating players shall umpire games.
4.1.8 When time is blown for injury, the coach and/or manager may attend the injured player when the officiating umpire gives permission.

4.1.9 Where possible, the host State through Hockey Australia appoints an accredited umpire manager to accredit umpires on their performance at the championship.

4.2 Judiciay /Reports
4.2.1 A Judiciary Committee shall be formed at the Pre Match Meeting to deal with on-field behaviour only (e.g. red card etc)
4.2.2 The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members, the championship convenor, the umpire’s manager and the technical director,
4.2.3 The Umpire should submit a report on the same day as the infringement occurs.
4.2.4 A written report of any appeals and decisions arising from these appeals shall be provided to delegates of each State by the National Secretary.

5.0 AUSTRALIAN HONOUR TEAM

5.1 Team definition
5.1.1 The team shall be called the “School Sport Australia Hockey Team" and will be announced at the Closing Ceremony of the Championship. Any girls gaining selection in the School Sport Australia Hockey Team may incorporate the wording "School Sport Australia Hockey Team 20..." on her uniform

5.2 Selection Process
5.2.1 Students must play in the Championship to be considered for national team selection.
5.2.2 A team of (16) players shall be named on ability – at least one of which should be a goalkeeper.
5.2.3 No Captain of Vice-Captain shall be named
5.2.4 Positions will not be taken into account in the final selection of the team
5.2.5 Players selected must display a high level of sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the entire championship.
5.2.6 The national selection panel shall consist of the panel chair plus two (2) to four (4) state representatives nominated prior to the start of the championship. Only one (1) nomination from each state will be accepted. The national selection panel of three (3) to five (5) members, may include invited Hockey Australia representatives. The National Secretary shall act as adviser to the selection panel. Wherever possible, the appointed School Sport Australia coach chairs the national selection panel. The selection panel is to be ratified at the pre-event meeting.
5.2.7 In the event of an international tour being conducted following the Championship 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 will no longer apply.
5.2.8 Shadow players as required will be selected and named.
5.2.9 Two goalkeepers to be chosen for a touring team.

5.3 Duties of Selectors
5.3.1 a) The selection panel must watch at least three matches for each state
b) There must be at least one selector present for the duration of the entire match of all other games
C) The selectors must submit the names of the Australian team to the National Secretary prior to the Closing Ceremony.

6.0 TROPHIES, AWARDS

6.1 Major Trophy
6.1.1 The Theo Leonard Trophy will be awarded to the winning hockey team at the Closing Ceremony. The name of the winning team to be engraved at the expense of the winning State/Territory
6.1.2 In the event of a draw, the trophy shall be held by the respective joint winners for an equal length of time

6.2 Player Awards
6.2.1 A Player of the Series trophy is to be awarded at the end of the Championship
6.2.2 This player is to be selected by the Australian Selectors.
6.2.3 The Host State is responsible for the selection and cost of the trophy.

6.3 Australian Honours Team
6.3.1 A suitably inscribed memento will be presented, the cost of which will be the responsibility of the Host State. If medals are awarded they must be different to those awarded by School Sport Australia.

6.4 Life Membership/Service Awards
LIFE MEMBERS

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7.0 LINKING SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA /STATE SCHOOL SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS WITH AHA/STATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS

7.1 At School Sport Australia/AHA level
7.1.1 Inclusion of the School Sport Australia Girls Hockey Championship in the AHA’s Development Plan.
7.1.2 AHA to invite School Sport Australia National Girls Hockey Secretary to attend appropriate AHA Coaching or Development meetings.
7.1.3 School Sport Australia National Girls Hockey Secretary to liaise in the first instance, with AHA’s National Development Officer