



Sussex Hockey
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SUSSEX BOYS' DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE RULE SUMMARY

The League is non-competitive and for development purposes only
The following Rules will be enforced beyond those of normal hockey

Age	The league is aimed at boys between 11 and 16 (school years 7 – 11) using September 1st as the key date.
Adult in the team	The team shall be made up of a minimum of 11 boys. 1 adult is allowed from the start. The adult must leave the game once his team is winning by a score difference of 3 until the score become equal. Adults must stay in their own half, hence adults are not allowed to score. If an adult keeper is playing then that counts as the adult. An adult should not defend a penalty corner (unless playing as Goal Keeper). Adults must wear something to identify themselves to avoid confusion with mature U16.
Reverse Stick HITS	Reverse Stick HITS at goal are banned on the grounds of danger. A controlled push or deflection should however not be penalised. This decision is made on the grounds of safety. A push is defined as “moving the ball along the ground using a pushing movement of the stick after the stick has been placed close to the ball. When the push is made, both the ball and the head of the stick are in contact with the ground”.
Drag Flicks	Drag flicks at penalty corners are banned. This decision is made on the grounds of safety.
Goal Keeper	All matches in the Development league must be played with a fully kitted keeper. This decision has been made on the grounds of safety and in the spirit of the development league. Arm pads should be covered by long sleeves to avoid entrapment of fingers.
Green, yellow, red cards for GK	Where the goal keeper receives a green or yellow card the suspension will be served by the Captain or if the Captain is not on the pitch the Captains deputy. If the goal keeper receives a red card they must themselves leave the pitch and the team will be given 5 minutes to organise a fully kitted goal keeper, and the team will have to play with 9 field players for the remainder of the match. If a fully kitted goal keeper cannot be found the match will be abandoned and the outcome of the match determined by the league organiser and the Sussex committee.
Face Mask	Face mask must be worn for penalty corners.
Playing in men's team	U16 and stronger U15 boys who regularly (a couple of times a month) play in men's Sussex division two and above should only play as an Adult, except in Cup matches where due to the competitive nature there is no restriction on player's ability. However the age restriction still applies for cup matches.
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Umpire should apply the rules correctly but understands the development nature of the league and adapts to this accordingly.