

SUSSEX MEN'S COMPETITION REGULATIONS

A. General

1. These Regulations shall apply to all competitions, particularly the men's outdoor knock-out cups arranged by the Sussex Hockey Association (hereafter referred to as the Association), save the Association's Men's Open League and Indoor Hockey League, except as may be otherwise indicated in these Regulations.
2. In all competitions the Rules of the game of hockey shall be observed and the EHA's Disciplinary Code shall be observed.
3. The Association expects all clubs and players not only to abide by the letter of the written Regulations, but to behave in the spirit of them.
4. All clubs affiliated to the Association shall be entitled to enter one team for each competition or division thereof, and applications to enter, or withdraw from, any of the competitions shall generally be made by the 31 July for the following season, but Competition Secretaries will be able to exercise some discretion about the closing dates. In the absence of the relevant Competition Secretary being informed to the contrary, it will be assumed that a club that participates in a particular competition one season will continue to participate in it the next season.
5. In making these Regulations the Association has had regard to the EHA's Cup Regulations in so far as it has appeared practical and logical. Accordingly, the following EHA Regulations shall apply in so far as affecting clubs and players of the Association (for the words 'Competition Delegate' will, where it makes sense to do so, read 'umpire') in relation to (a) Eligibility of Players (b) Dress (c) Start of Match, and (d) Extra Time, where the scores are level at full time.

6. Basis of Competition

- (a) The competitions shall be conducted on the basis that there shall be one draw, annually, for each competition for each season, and the draw for the first round of each competition, shall be made in the presence of the President, or an officer of the Association (as defined in the Rules of The Association) and in the presence of one or more members of an affiliated club or clubs.
- (b) Seeding of teams may be given effect by the Competition Secretaries.

7. Match Arrangements

- (a) Home teams shall be the first-named team in each round, unless that team's opponents shall have played 'away' in the immediate prior round, in which event the second-named team shall be the 'home' team, unless the first-named team shall also have won 'away' in the previous round. 'Home' teams shall provide match balls.
- (b) The finals shall be played on grounds as approved by the Association's Management Committee.
- (c) Each round will be played on dates appointed by the relevant Competition Secretary, and no postponement will be permitted except for inclement weather, or for such other reason as is approved by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee appointed by the President or a Life Vice-President. Postponed matches must be played on either of the next two Sundays. After two postponements the game shall be transferred to the 'away' team's ground in the event of the 'home' team being unable to provide a suitable pitch.
- (d) All cup matches should be played on artificial pitches..
- (e) Each club shall apply immediately match details are known to the Sussex County Hockey Umpires Association for umpires to be appointed to 1st XI matches and all semi-finals.
- (f) In the event of a clash of colours, the 'away' side shall change to a non-conflicting colour.
- (g) An official of the winning team shall notify the relevant Competition Secretary of the result of any match played under the Competition Regulations, that same day.

8. Entrance Fees

Each club entering shall pay an entrance fee, for every competition, to be determined annually by the Management Committee or by the Association's AGM..

9. Fines and Reimbursement of Expenses

Fines for non-compliance with these Regulations shall be set by the Management Committee, such fines being in addition to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Association. If a club fails to fulfil a game, a fine of £25 will normally be imposed by the relevant Competition Secretary.

10. Disputes etc.

Any dispute or matter not covered by these Regulations shall be referred to the Management Committee, or if time is of the essence, to the Conciliation Committee as provided for in the Association's Rules, through the Hon. Secretary or any officer of the Association.

11. Accidents

The Association and its officers accept no liability for personal injury, however occasioned, to team members, officials, organisers or spectators during the competition. Clubs are strongly recommended to take out insurance.

12. Alterations to Regulations

These Regulations shall be altered only by the Management Committee.

(B) - Regulations relating to Individual Competitions

1. U21 Sussex Cup

The entry date deadline is the 1 October of the current season. The Competition Secretary will rightly assume that no notification to withdraw from the competition, will constitute a club's entry to it. Players must be under 21 years of age on 1 October of the season of the Competition.

Four clubs will be seeded, with the seeds and groups determined after the 1 October. The seeds will be split two apiece into the 2 groups. The group matches will be played on a round-robin basis, the exact details of duration and opposition will be issued after the competition deadline in October.

The matches will be played in January, with consideration to the EHA Priority List and other bodies, eg Schools and Youth. Unless exceptional circumstances prevail no postponement will be permitted. The winners of each group will play in a final later in the season. Umpires for this competition will be supplied by the Sussex Hockey Umpires' Association.

2. Veterans' Knockout Cup

Normally this competition is open to clubs who run a regular veterans' team, but the Competition Secretary concerned is authorised to exercise discretion in this matter.

Only two players are permitted to be between the ages of 35 and 40 years, and of a full squad of 16 players at least 14 players must be aged 40 years of age or over as at the 1 October each season.

3. Plate Competition

All Senior Cup first round losing teams will be entered for the Plate Competition, together with any other 1st XIs that wish to participate.

4. Team Lists

For all competitions [team lists](#) shall be provided by the Captains (those for junior and veteran teams must also show the date of birth of each player as at 1 October of that season). The lists shall be presented by each Captain to the Match Delegate, and if no such appointment is made, then to the Umpires, at least 15 minutes before the start of the game, who shall sign each sheet accordingly with the score etc. after the game. Only those players named on the team sheet will be permitted to play.

All information requested on the team sheet must be completed, failure to do so may result in the forfeit of the match. Captains shall send their list to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in the team being fined £5 for the first offence and then further fines of £10 and up to a maximum of £15 for subsequent offences.