

HOCKEY RULES

1. TEAMS

- Senior 'A' & 'B' teams are open teams allowing selection from Years 7 - 12.
- The composition of all other teams will be decided according to nominations on a yearly basis.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- If an A grade player (ie has played that day) is required for B grade, they can only come on after 13 minutes (this applies to field players only). It is an expectation that teams which are short will not be filled with top players from that school. This rule will apply only if there are no players available from a lower grade to fill in.
- If more than 2 players are required to play down a grade in Hockey, the match will still go ahead, but will be listed as a forfeit in the results
- In situations where players are required to 'fill in' in a lower grade, coaches must inform the opposing team prior to match start.
- Eligibility for a finals match: If half the player(s) matches have been played in any given grade, they can play in a Final in that grade (as confirmation, if a player plays 50% of their matches in A grade and 50% in B grade, they would be eligible for finals in either grade)

3. UMPIRING

- 'A' & 'B' matches will be umpired by the pool umpires organised by the IGSSA Executive Officer.
- For all other matches, each school must provide one (1) umpire per team. If no umpire arrives then the coach from that school must umpire as all games are to have two umpires.
- Pool umpires should wear official panel uniform if qualified when umpiring matches.
- An umpire may not coach during play in a senior 'A' or 'B' match, but may coach during the half-time interval.
- Umpires may coach where appropriate during play in a lower grade match.

4. MATCHES

- To be played according to the current rules of the South Australian Hockey Association.
- All teams to play 4 x 13 minute quarters, with breaks of 3/5/3. With the exception of Senior 'A' & 'B' teams, times may be altered by mutual agreement when necessary.
- Players must remain on the pitch at the quarter and three quarter time breaks
- Matches to all be on turf pitches.
- Players in Senior 'A' & 'B' grades **MUST** be penalised if a ball is raised dangerously, according to stated rules. All players in lower grades should be actively discouraged from lifting the ball in any situation.
- MERCY RULE (included from April 5, 2017) – Once a lead of 7 goals has been

established, the winning team is to play with only 3 attackers in the circle. Coaches are to meet and discuss further modifications that can be included from that point onwards. Umpires must be involved/notified of this decision.

5. **EQUIPMENT**

- The first named school is to provide the match balls for every match.
- “A team cannot take the field unless they have a goalkeeper or kicking fullback (wearing a helmet and different coloured top)” and “The goalkeeper must be fully padded”
- At penalty corners, defenders on the post must wear a face mask, and it is heavily encouraged to have the running defenders also wearing a face mask.
- Mouthguards and Shin guards are compulsory.

6. **RESULTS**

- As per the minutes of the 26 November 2018 meeting (point 9.3): **All results from the preceding week’s matches must be in by COB each Tuesday afternoon. EO will update the standings tables Tuesday evenings. Standings tables will then be forwarded to all, and published on the IGSSA website, each and every Wednesday morning**
- The shield (presented in both A and B) is to be shared in the event of tied points at the end of the season (if there are no finals).
- If there are finals scheduled, schools will be matched up based on their finishing position after the shield rounds (ie 1 v 2, 3 v 4 etc).
- If finals are being held, finalists will be determined by total points initially (ie win/loss tally) and then SD (Score differential) if points are equal but a split needs to be made.
- For IGSSA Premiership tables, the maximum win tally that will be registered is 8 goals. If teams win (or lose by more than that, it will be just the 8 goal margin registered). This was determined at IGSSA meeting on 7th Feb 2019.
- If the finals match is tied (ie the 1 v 2 shield play off), the shield is no longer shared between the two teams. As per the IGSSA meeting on 7th Feb 2019:
 - 2 x 5mins, then 1 on 1’s (5 in total) – in accordance with International Hockey regulations

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