

### 1. Authority

- 1.1 The FIH Rules of Indoor Hockey, with effect from 1 January 2017, including any experimental rule changes approved by the England Hockey (EH) for use in competitions, shall be observed except as herein provided. For the Rules of Indoor Hockey 2017 see [FIH Rules of Indoor Hockey 2017](#)
- 1.2 The EH Code of Ethics and Behaviour shall be applied at all Super 6s matches.
- 1.3 The competitions must be referred to as per the above title in all correspondence and publicity and in any other circumstances in which the name of the competition is used.

#### 1.4 Binding Force of these Regulations

Each team, by its entry into and participation in the Super 6s shall be deemed to have given its consent to abide by these Regulations, the EH Code of Ethics, and to any amendments which may be ratified by EH. Each team shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the decisions of EH Indoor Committee in relation to these Regulations or any matter not covered in these Regulations and any penalty or sanction it may see fit to impose.

### 2. Management

- 2.1 The Management of the Super 6s will be under the auspices of the EHIC and the staff of the EH Competitions Department, based at the EH Head Office, who will oversee the general running of the Super 6s and its publicity and promotion. The staff of this department will liaise with the EHIC.
- 2.2 The Terms of Reference of the EHIC are available in the Governance section on the EH website ([www.englishockey.co.uk](http://www.englishockey.co.uk)) or by request.

### 3. Liaison

- 3.1 Each participating team must appoint a Liaison Officer who must be freely available to the EHCD, County and Regional Organisers (as appropriate to the stage of the competition) and/or the relevant Tournament Director at all reasonable times by the usual channels of communication. The name, telephone number(s), postal address and e-mail address must be advised to the EHCD or regional organiser as appropriate.
- 3.2 The EHCD (and appropriate regional organiser) is to be notified immediately of any change to the details of the Liaison Officer.

### 4. Eligibility

#### 4.1 Teams

- 4.1.1 All teams participating in the Super 6s shall complete and return to the appropriate organiser, by the due date the relevant competition entry form.
- 4.1.2 All teams participating in the Super 6s shall pay, by the due date, the relevant competition entry fee to the appropriate organiser.
- 4.1.3 No team may alter its title, nor incorporate any part of a sponsor's name therein, without the prior permission of EH.
- 4.1.4 A maximum of 12 players for each team shall be permitted for the tournament.
- 4.1.5 A player whose name appears on any team-sheet listing those players eligible to play in a match will be considered to have played in that match.
- 4.1.6 Each team must submit to the EHCD by 17:00 hrs on the Monday prior to the Super 6s a copy of its team-sheet to be submitted to the Tournament Director in accordance with Regulation 7.6.

## **4.2 Club Competition**

4.2.1 All Clubs must be affiliated to the EH.

4.2.2 Clubs may only enter one girls team and one boys team per age group.

4.2.3 Players may only play indoor hockey for one Club per season (this includes both junior and senior indoor hockey competitions).

4.2.4 Players may only represent their Club in one junior age group per season.

4.2.5 All players must be a bona fide member of the Club except that a maximum of two players who are bona fide members of another club and play outdoors for that other club at weekends may represent the Club in any one season, providing those players have not represented England at any level in this or previous seasons. Where players are a bona fide member of a junior and an adult club, the adult club will be considered to be their club.

4.2.6 Players must be under 16 or under 18 on 31 August preceding the relevant competition.

## **4.3 School Competition**

4.3.1 The competition is open to all schools within the geographical county/region who host a qualifying round for the competition.

4.3.2 Schools may only enter one girl's team and one boy's team per age group.

4.3.3 Players may only play for one School per season.

4.3.4 Players may only represent their School in one junior age group per season.

4.3.5 All players must be on the school roll at the time of the competition to be eligible.

4.3.6 Players must be under 16 or under 18 on 31 August preceding the relevant competition.

## **5. The Competition**

5.1 Regional and county rounds will be organised by the appropriate organiser, who, within the rules set out herein, will have complete discretion on the method of operation, venue, timing and any necessary local regulations.

5.2 Where pools operate, points will be awarded as follows: 3 points per win, 1 point per draw and 0 points per loss.

5.3 If, on completion of a pool, leading teams are equal on points, their position will be determined as follows:

5.3.1 Goal difference;

5.3.2 Highest number of goals scored;

5.3.3 Result of the game between the tied teams;

5.3.4 Barrage of three penalty strokes;

5.3.5 Sudden death penalty strokes;

5.3.6 Penalty strokes under 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 1 to these regulations.

5.4 If the scores are level at the end of full time in knockout matches the outcome of the match shall be determined by a series of penalty strokes taken under the conditions detailed in Appendix 1 to these regulations.

5.5 The winner and runner-up from each of the five hockey Regions will compete at the National Finals.

## **6. Tournament Director**

6.1 The following provisions shall apply to National Finals and may be used at any County or Regional competition to which a Tournament Director is formally appointed by the appropriate association.

6.2 Tournament Directors shall be appointed to all National Finals by the EH Technical Appointments Panel who may delegate appointments to Regional Associations.

- 6.3 Tournament Directors are empowered to apply these Regulations at their discretion and their ruling on any matter shall be final. The Tournament Director may delegate the exercise of his/her powers and authorities, in whole or in part and for such duration as the Tournament Director deems necessary, to a Technical Officer.
- 6.4 Tournament Directors shall be empowered to suspend any player, or named official, for one or more matches for misconduct on or off the field of play during the Super 6s.
- 6.4.1 If a team manager, coach or other team official is suspended by the Tournament Director it is not necessary for a player to be removed from the field of play for the period of the suspension. For the avoidance of doubt the Tournament Director's power to suspend shall extend to any player who has received a red card under sanction of regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations. Suspended persons may not participate in any way nor enter the field of play, or the technical facility areas (including the team bench) surrounding the same during the match(es) of suspension until the match(es) is/are finished and any period of cool down on the field of play has been completed.
- 6.4.2 The Tournament Director may, in the interests of player welfare, allow a suspended player to sit on the team bench for the period of their suspension; such players must wear clothing that distinguishes them as non-participating and must conduct themselves appropriately for a suspended player.
- 6.5 Tournament Directors shall be responsible for ensuring that all sticks and other playing equipment (including goalkeepers' headgear, hand protectors, leg guards and kickers together with any protective equipment such as face masks, hand and knee protectors intended to be worn by field players) to be used in the Super 6s are checked prior to a team's first match to ensure they comply with the Rules of Indoor Hockey. This will include a full check of hand protectors.
- 6.6 If a team wishes to lodge a protest at the end of a match, or at the end of a penalty stroke competition the Team Manager must:
- 6.6.1 declare the intention to do so immediately in writing below his/her signature when signing the match report form or penalty stroke competition form; and
- 6.6.2 provide written grounds for the protest to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the end of the match or penalty stroke competition.
- 6.7 The Tournament Director will consider the protest and the decision on such a protest will be given to the teams involved within one hour of receipt of such a protest. The team manager(s) must make arrangements with the Tournament Director to be available to receive the decision.
- 6.8 A failure by a team to comply with this procedure will result in the dismissal of the protest.
- 6.9 For the avoidance of doubt there can be no protest made against an umpiring decision during a match or penalty stroke competition, including the award of any disciplinary card.
- 6.10 The Tournament Director shall be entitled to request such video, written or oral evidence as he/she considers necessary to make any decision under consideration.
- 6.11 The results of all regional and national tournaments must be notified to the appropriate organiser and EHCD as directed, and if required, to the EH Results Co-ordinator.
- 6.12 The completed match report forms, along with the team-sheets must be sent by the Tournament Director to the EHCD.

## **7. Match Day Administration**

- 7.1 The Tournament Director shall decide the colour of the balls to be used.
- 7.2 A team must have a minimum of four players on the pitch at the start of the game for the match to start.

### **7.3 Duration of Matches**

At the National Finals, the duration of matches shall be 2 x 12 minutes or as directed by EH or the Tournament Director.

### **7.4 Start times**

All matches must start at the published time. The start time may be varied as directed by the appropriate organiser or tournament director if circumstances dictate this.

## **7.5 Format of National Stages**

At the National Finals, the ten participating teams in each age group will be divided into two pools of five. Pools will be seeded by the EH so that no more than three regional winners are in any one pool. In each pool, each team shall play all the other teams. The winner of each pool shall play the runner-up of the other pool (semi-finals) and the winners of these games shall play in the final. EH will set the match schedule.

## **7.6 Team-sheets**

7.6.1 Not less than **30** minutes before the start of their first match each team must submit a completed team-sheet to the Tournament Director listing in numerical order a squad with a maximum of 12 players who will be eligible to play in the tournament. The completed team-sheet must be signed by the team manager who in so signing will be deemed to vouch for and confirm that each player listed is eligible to play.

7.6.2 Each team must have a team manager on the bench throughout the team's matches and two further officials are entitled to occupy the team bench. Additionally, a qualified Medical Doctor, whose name appears on the team-sheet, may sit on the team bench.

7.6.3 A team shall be entitled to nominate up to 12 players in its squad for each stage of the competition (i.e. defining the three stages as County Finals, Regional Finals and National Finals) and only those listed may sit on the team bench and participate in that tournament. If a player(s) has been suspended by the Tournament Director for one or more matches then, for those matches, the number of players the team concerned may use will be reduced by the number of players suspended.

7.6.4 A team's starting line-up shall be advised to the Technical Officer on duty as required not later than 10 minutes before the start of a match (or such other time as required by the Tournament Director).

7.6.5 If a registered team official has been suspended by the Tournament Director from participating in particular match(es) then that official may not sit on the team bench for the match(es) under suspension and shall not participate in the match(es) in any way from any part of the competition venue (which includes making any audible comments from the spectator or any other viewing area). If the team manager, the suspended official must be replaced by another listed official or player. For the purposes of a suspension the match shall be deemed to include any period of warm up or cool down before and/or after a match.

7.6.6 The completed match report form must be signed by the Team Manager who in so signing will be deemed to vouch for and confirm that the report is an accurate record of the match.

## **7.7 Blood Borne Diseases**

7.7.1 Any player sustaining an injury that bleeds or any player with an open wound must leave the pitch immediately to receive treatment and have the wound covered prior to returning.

7.7.2 Blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before re-entry to the field of play.

7.7.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 7.7.1 above for the avoidance of doubt there is no requirement for any player who receives treatment on the pitch to return to the team bench area for a minimum of one minute.

## **7.8 Coaching from the video area**

Audible vocal communication from any videographer area overlooking the field of play is not permitted by team personnel within that area.

## **8. Dress**

8.1 Field players must wear uniform shirts, shorts (Boys) or skirts (Girls) and knee length socks.

8.1.1 Any additional clothing (e.g. cycle shorts or long sleeved tee-shirts) must be of the same colour as the corresponding item of clothing shown on the team sheet.

8.2 All teams shall take alternative colour shirts and socks to a match and, if required by the Tournament Director to do so, shall wear them.

- 8.3 Field players must wear shin guards inside the socks and below the knee at all times during a match.
- 8.4 Goalkeepers and/or players with Goalkeeping Privileges must wear shirts contrasting with those of both teams and must wear protective equipment as specified in the Rules of Indoor Hockey.
- 8.5 Players shall wear on the back of their shirts the numbers allocated on the team sheet.
- 8.6 All numbers shall be no less than 8" (20cm) in height and shall contrast with the colour of the shirt. Taped numbers may only be used in an emergency.
- 8.7 The team captain must be identifiable on the pitch by a band or similar distinguishing article worn on the upper arm or shoulder or over the upper part of a sock.
- 8.8 It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure that players adhere to **all** dress requirements under this regulation and co-operate with requests from the Tournament Director for players so to do. Breaches of regulation 8 may be deemed an act of misconduct and acted upon accordingly by the Tournament Director. Furthermore, if a player or team manager fails to comply with a request by the Tournament Director (or any technical official acting on behalf of the Tournament Director) to comply with regulation 8.1.1, such failure shall be reported to EHCD who may impose a penalty in accordance with regulation 13.1.

## **9. Umpires**

- 9.1 For all National Finals, umpires will be appointed by the NPUA.
- 9.2. Should an umpire fail to fulfil an appointment the Tournament Director shall endeavour to find another umpire to enable the match to be played. Any replacement umpire must be an active indoor umpire.
- 9.3 No person shall umpire and play in the same division of the Super 6s during the same season.
- 9.4 Umpires shall have the authority temporarily (yellow or green card) or permanently (red card) to suspend any player or official from the team bench for ill-discipline. This will require the relevant team to withdraw a player from the pitch for the duration of the suspension.
- 9.5. Issue of a red card under sanction of regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations. The following shall apply to all matches in the Super 6s:
  - 9.5.1 Where an umpire issues a red card that he/she decides should be subject to sanction under regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations the umpire should inform the offender of this at the time that the red card is issued.
  - 9.5.2 For the avoidance of doubt an umpire who has awarded a red card under sanction of regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations may, in the event of further misconduct by the player, upgrade the penalty to a red card carrying sanction under regulation 6.2 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations. If the umpire decides to do this he/she should inform the offender (or at least the team manager for the player concerned) that this has been done.
  - 9.5.3 The umpire issuing a red card under sanction of regulation 6.3 of the Red Card and MMO Regulations shall provide written reasons for the card to the Tournament Director who shall then consider what, if any, further action shall be taken against the offender under Regulation 6.3 of these Regulations.
- 9.6 Any player who receives a red card must immediately leave the playing area until the end of the match and may not participate any further in the match (which includes making any audible comments from the spectator or any other viewing area).

## **10. Postponement or Abandonment**

- 10.1 At any time prior to the commencement of a match, the decision on whether or not the pitch is fit for play shall be the responsibility of the appointed Tournament Director. Once a game has started, a decision on whether it should be interrupted shall be made by the Tournament Director in consultation with the umpires and Technical Officer on duty.
- 10.2 If a match is interrupted under 10.1, this match must be resumed as soon as possible (not necessarily on the same field of play or on the same day), under the following conditions:

- 10.2.1 the match must be completed up to the regulation full time (see Regulation 7.3), the score on the resumption being that at the time the interruption took place;
- 10.2.2 on resumption, rule 12.3 of the FIH Rules of Indoor Hockey 2017 relating to the substitution of players shall apply as though there had been no interruption to the match.
- 10.3 In the event of a match or the tournament in part or wholly, having to be abandoned as a result of a serious injury to a player or a decision of the umpires or Tournament Director in such circumstances that it has not been possible to complete the interruption in accordance with 10.2 above, the appropriate organiser (or EHIC) will decide on the action to be taken after receiving a report from the Tournament Director. Such a decision may necessitate a replay of the match or the tournament in part or wholly, depending on the circumstances at the time of the abandonment.

## **11. Failure to Honour a Fixture or Forfeiture of a Game**

- 11.1 If a team fails to honour a fixture or forfeits a game, it shall be deemed to have lost 0-5 and the opposing team shall be awarded three points and be deemed to have won the game 5-0.
- 11.2 If a team fails to honour more than one fixture, its playing record will be expunged. This is subject to any remission, or further penalty, which the EHIC may implement.
- 11.3 In addition, the appropriate organiser shall at its discretion have the right to ensure that a team who fail to honour a fixture reimburse opposing teams, officials or County/Regional Associations for any expenses incurred in relation to the fixture.

## **12. Breach of Regulations and Penalties**

- 12.1 Any team found to be in breach of these regulations may be subject to further penalties in addition to any penalty imposed by a specific regulation herein.
- 12.2 Penalties specific to regulations 4.2 (Clubs) or 4.3 (Schools):
- Any team found to be in breach of regulation 4.2 or 4.3 may be subject to the following penalties:
- 12.2.1 A fine; and/or;
- 12.2.2 Deduction of 1 point for each Super 6s match in which an ineligible player has played subject to a maximum of 5 points; and/or;
- 12.2.3 Deduction of all points gained in any and each Super 6s match in which an ineligible player has played, subject to no maximum; and/or;
- 12.2.4 Such other penalties as the EHIC considers appropriate.

## **13. Appeal Procedure**

- 13.1 Teams, players and officials have the right to appeal to the EH Appeals Panel against a decision of the EHCD or EHIC.
- 13.1.1 The Appeal to the EH Appeal Panel must be commenced by an Appeal Notice marked for the attention of the EH Appeal Panel sent to and received by the EHCD not later than 3 days after the Appellant has been notified of the decision to be appealed against. There must be annexed to the Appeal Notice copies of all documents, including the written statements of any witnesses, that the Appellant intends to rely on in the Appeal.
- 13.1.2 The Appeal Notice should be sent by ordinary first class post, fax, email or recorded delivery or hand delivered to the EHCD at the EH Offices. A deposit of £150 must be sent within 7 days of the date of the sending of the appeal. This will be returned, all or in part, if the Appeal is successful. As soon as reasonably practical after receipt of the Appeal Notice, the Chairman of the EH Appeal Panel shall give directions for the further conduct of the Appeal.
- 13.1.3 Any other team that may be directly affected by an Appeal shall, as soon as reasonably possible, be notified of the Appeal and subsequently the outcome of the Appeal.
- 13.1.4 The decision of the EH Appeal Panel shall be final.

#### **14. Unforeseen Events**

- 14.1 If circumstances arise which are not provided for in these regulations, the Tournament Director will determine any actions necessary to deal with those circumstances.
- 14.2 If any team affected by the decision of the Tournament Director under regulation 14.1 wishes to appeal, it may do so following the same procedures set out in regulation 13.

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## Appendix 1 – Penalty Stroke Procedure

1. The Umpires shall together choose the goal to be used and the Captains shall toss to decide which team shall take the first penalty stroke.
2. Three different players from each of the teams, chosen from the players listed on the team sheet, but excluding any player who has been permanently suspended from the game (Red Card or TD suspension under regulation 6.4), shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same goalkeeper of the other team. Only if that goalkeeper is, in the opinion of the Umpires, incapacitated through injury, or is suspended, shall a team be permitted to substitute the goalkeeper during the course of a particular series in the stroke competition.
3. The team which has been awarded the higher number of goals shall be the winner.
4. In the event of an equal number of goals having been awarded, another series of penalty strokes shall be taken under the above conditions and with the same three players (subject to any incapacitated player being replaced or a suspended goalkeeper being substituted) but on a sudden death basis, that is, the team having been awarded the most goals after an equal number of strokes have been taken shall be the winner. The sequence in which the players take the strokes for their team need not be the same as in the previous series. The team manager has freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the three nominated players will take the stroke although must use all three nominated players per round.
5. The team which has taken the first penalty stroke of a series shall not take the first penalty stroke of the following series (if any).

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