

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENGLAND HOCKEY AREA MASTERS TOURNAMENTS FOR WOMEN & MEN 2022**

### **1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 1.1. England Hockey Area Competitions will involve Masters' age groups for both Women and Men.
- 1.2. The Rules of Hockey, including any experimental rule changes approved by EH for use in competitions, shall be observed except as herein provided

### **2. GOVERNANCE**

- 2.1. The Area Masters Tournaments shall be Governed on behalf of England Hockey by the England Hockey Areas Masters Committee (EHAMC). The EHAMC shall request Areas to appoint a Tournament Organising Committee (TOC)
- 2.2. The entire organisation and management of each competition shall be vested in the TOC. They shall be responsible for sponsorship and all matters financial, ensuring the arrestment of all venues, player safety and support, adequate facilities for players, umpires, officials and supporters.
- 2.3. The TOC shall be responsible for the appointment of a Tournament Technical Director (TD) and tournament officials.

### **3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE**

- 3.1. Teams shall provide team lists to the TD at least fourteen days in advance of the start of the competition.
- 3.2. The entry form must comprise:
  - 3.2.1. The names of players wishing to take part in the event identified by their respective numbered playing shirts and their DOB.
  - 3.2.2. A team for any game will consist of a maximum of eighteen (18) players, with 2 goalkeepers or seventeen (17) players with one goalkeeper. In addition, appropriate information, requested by the TOC, associated with the Players and Officials for inclusion in any programme to be produced for the Tournament, should be advised.
  - 3.2.3. Each team may have a maximum of three team officials who are permitted to be in the bench area and a qualified medical doctor if available. In addition, a team with a qualified physio may include an additional official. The role of any official is to be included within the team sheet.
  - 3.2.4. Teams should have a team manager, who cannot be a player in the match.
  - 3.2.5. A player whose name appears on the match sheet showing those players eligible to play in a match will be deemed to have played in that match.
- 3.3. The TOC shall be responsible for setting the entry fee in order to cover the costs of the competition. The TOC shall look for a break-even budget and the EHAMC may ask to see relevant accounts at any time.

#### 4 PARTICIPANTS

##### 4.1 Teams.

The competitions shall be open to one team per age group from each of the eight England Hockey Areas. East, London, Midlands, North West, South Central, South East, West, Yorkshire & NE

In addition UK Armed Forces may be invited to participate.

##### 4.2 Officials.

4.2.1 The responsibilities of the TD shall be to:

4.2.2 Ensure that all participants abide by the EH Code of Conduct and adhere to the Rules of the Competition

4.2.3 Organise and announce to all parties the time and venue of the event briefing for Managers, Umpires and Officials OR provide an event briefing document for all managers, umpires and officials.

4.2.4 Assist in the appointment of other officials as required.

4.2.5 Inspect the fields of play, technical equipment and facilities prior to the event and ensure that they are of a suitable standard for the event.

4.1.6 Maintain and promulgate proper records

4.2.7 Appoint the match umpires, technical officers and judges for each match from amongst those previously selected or approved to officiate. In conjunction with the Umpire Manager the TD should appoint the two Umpires for each match and a Reserve Umpire when considered appropriate.

4.2.8 Supervise all games

4.2.9 Suspend for one or more matches, players, team officials and other officials who, in her/his opinion, are guilty of misconduct before, during or after a match wherever that misconduct occurred. Such suspended persons may not 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.

4.2.10 Tournament umpires shall be Level 1 Assessed as a minimum

#### 4.3 Players.

- 4.3.1 All players shall be willing and able to provide evidence of eligibility to play to the TD if requested.
- 4.3.2 All players shall reach the qualifying age for the event within the year of the event. Flexibility will be allowed with the permission of the EHAMC.
- 4.3.3 Players shall be a bona fide member of a club affiliated to the Area they are representing, be resident or born in the Area, or otherwise with permission of the EHAMC.
- 4.3.4 It is the responsibility of the team managers to ensure that any player registered to play in this event is eligible to participate in accordance with 4.3.3
- 4.3.5 Players shall only be eligible to play in one age group event., except for those in the highest age group who may also play in the age group below.
- 4.3.6 Where rule 4.3.5 may impact the entry of an Area team into a competition, that Area should make representation to the EHAMC for a waiver in advance of the first of the tournaments in which the individual intends to play.

#### 5 THE COMPETITION

- 5.1 The format of the competition shall depend on the number of participating teams and shall be decided by the TOC. A recommended structure will be provided. The TOC shall prepare a Draw, determining pools if need be and then advise all teams participating of the details.
- 5.2 A match will consist of two periods, with a half time., unless 7 a-side. The duration of all matches will be decided by the 8 Area Masters Committee, dependent on number of entries. This is subject to any variation on duration required as approved by the TD.
- 5.3 Where pools operate, points will be awarded as follows: 3 points per win, 1 point per draw and 0 points per loss
- 5.4 If, on completion of a pool, leading teams are equal on points, their position will be determined as follows
  - 1. Goal difference
  - 2. Goals scored
  - 3. Winner of match between tied teams
  - 4. Barrage of 5 penalty strokes
  - 5. Sudden death penalty strokes
- 5.5 If the scores are level at the end of full time in any classification matches requiring a result the outcome of the match Shall be determined by a series of penalty strokes taken under the conditions detailed in Appendix 1

## 6 COMPOSITION OF A TEAM

6.1.1. Teams can comprise up to 18 players, to include 2 fully kitted goalkeepers. If a team has only one fully kitted goalkeeper available, then only 17 players in the team will be allowed. If a player has been permanently excluded from a match (e.g. following the issue of a red card or as the result of suspension by the TD), that team will have one player less on the team bench.

6.1.2. The eleven players who will be on the field of play at the commencement of the match.

6.1.3. Up to 6 players (17 squad size), 7 players (18 squad size) who are to start on the team bench (unless one or more players have been suspended for that game in which case the number of players is reduced accordingly).

6.1.4. The captain and goalkeeper(s) for the match.

6.1.5. The Team Manager and other members of the staff, up to five of whom may occupy the team bench.

6.2. Each team must have a captain, on the field of play or on the team bench during a match.

## 7 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

7.1 The substitute players will be chosen from the players appearing on the team sheet. All substitutions will take place in accordance with the current rules of Hockey

7.2 If a goalkeeper, the substitution will be supervised by the umpire(s) and time must be stopped.

7.3 When substituted, the player leaving the field of play must immediately go to the team bench.

7.4 The team manager of the players concerned is responsible for the proper application of the procedure.

## 8 ADMISSION TO THE FIELD OF PLAY

8.1 The team coach or assistant team coach may not enter the field of play at any time under any circumstances.

8.2 The team manager is responsible for the conduct of all persons occupying the bench, must be present on the bench during the match and occupy the seat/space nearest to the centre of the pitch. Where there may be no team manager, the captain shall be responsible for the team bench.

8.3 Inappropriate vocal communication by team officials and/or players on the team bench must not in any way be directed at the technical officials seated at the table, the umpires and/or the players of the opposing team. The Technical Officer (TO) or umpire if no TO on duty, after warning a team manager/captain of acts of misconduct by a person or persons on that team bench is empowered, should misconduct continue, to order that person or persons involved to leave the playing area and the vicinity of the pitch for the remainder of the match. The Tournament Director may take further disciplinary action after the match, depending upon the circumstances.

- 8.4 If a player becomes incapacitated on the field of play, one of the umpires may stop the match and assess whether, or not, the player requires attention from the team bench.
- 8.5 In the case of an injury to a field player, the umpire may authorise the registered doctor, physio or first aider, to enter the field of play to assist and remove the player concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 8.6 In the case of an injury to a goalkeeper, the umpire may authorise the registered doctor, physio or first aider to enter the field of play assess and as appropriate provide brief treatment or remove the goalkeeper concerned from the field of play as soon as it is safe to do so.
- 8.7 If any person from the team bench enters the field of play to attend to a player other than a goalkeeper, that player must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area for a minimum of two minutes. The two-minute period will be managed by the technical officials on duty or umpire if no technical official. The player required to leave the field may be substituted.
- 8.8 If a player sustains an injury which causes bleeding then that player must leave the field of play as soon as possible and must not re-enter until the wound is adequately covered. Blood stained clothing must be replaced and equipment cleaned before re-entry to the field of play.
- 8.9 A blood spill cleaning kit should be present in the technical area for each match. If blood staining to the field of play occurs, then immediate cleaning must take place. During this operation there must be a time stoppage of play.
- 8.10 No liquid or other refreshment may be consumed on the field of play. Any player wishing to take refreshment during a match, including during time stoppages, must leave the field of play and is permitted to re-enter but, not within the 23 metres lines and the back lines. A goalkeeper only may leave and re-enter the field of play adjacent to the goal.
- 8.11 Team officials and players may leave the technical area during half time only with prior permission of the Technical Officer or umpires on duty but, in doing so, players must leave their sticks and goalkeepers their sticks, hand protectors and headgear at or near the team bench and must return not less than two minutes before the match is due to be restarted.

## 9 INTERRUPTION OF A MATCH

- 9.1 If a match is interrupted by the umpires (e.g. because of weather or field of play conditions) or the Technical Table officials, (because of thunderstorm with lightning), 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:

9.1.1 The match may, at the discretion of the TD in the interests of fair play, be completed up to the agreed full time, the score on the resumption being that at the time of the interruption or declared complete as at the time play was stopped.

## 10 TIME-KEEPING

Time-keeping will be decided by the TD.

## 11 DISQUALIFICATION / FAILURE TO PLAY

### 11.1 During pool matches:

11.1.1 A team either disqualified or refusing to play or to complete a match shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the tournament.

11.1.2 If a team so withdraws from the tournament, its playing record will be expunged. The pool table will be corrected accordingly.

11.1.3 No goals will be awarded to any player in all matches played or to be played by the team that has been disqualified or has failed to play.

During the classification matches:

11.1.4 A team either disqualified or refusing to play or to complete a match will be deemed to have withdrawn from the tournament at that stage and to have lost the match in question.

11.1.5 The team will be ranked last in the tournament and will not receive, or will not be allowed to keep any medals and trophies to which it was entitled or which it had already received.

11.1.6 All teams ranked below the team at the time of the withdrawal will be advanced by one place in the final ranking. Where appropriate after such revision of the ranking, the next highest ranked team(s) at the time of the withdrawal will be awarded any medals and trophies as appropriate.

## 12 PROTESTS

No protest will be entertained on the basis of an on-pitch umpiring decision.

### 12.1 If a team wishes to lodge a protest at the end of a match then the team manager must:

12.1.1 Declare the intention to do so immediately to the umpires or technical official at the end of regulation play, and

12.1.2 Submit in writing the grounds of the protest and must hand that document to the TD within fifteen minutes of the completion of the match, and

12.1.3 Deposit One Hundred Pounds Sterling (£100) with the TD within thirty minutes of the completion of the match. Failure to comply with any part of this regulation will result in the dismissal of the protest.

12.1.4 The deposit may be forfeited unless the protest is allowed.

12.2 The TD must make a decision in writing and publish it at the latest two hours after the end of the match in question.

12.3 It is the obligation of the Team Manager to make arrangements with the TD to be available so that the TD can give his/her decision to the Team Manager.

## 13 APPEALS

13.1 If one or more of the teams involved in a protest wish to appeal the Tournament Director's decision, the

team manager(s) must do so in writing within thirty minutes after the Tournament Director's decision has been published (Rule 12.2). If no such appeal is lodged then the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

- 13.2 Appeals must be handed to the TD together with a deposit of One Hundred Pounds Sterling. The deposit may be refunded after the decision of the TOC unless the protest is deemed a futile one by the TOC
- 13.3 The Tournament Director must immediately inform the TOC that the appeal has been lodged.
- 13.4 The TOC must meet and make a decision in writing and publish it as soon as possible but not later than two hours before the start of the first match on the next day that games are played.
- 13.5 The decision of the TOC is final and binding.

#### 14 UNFORESEEN EVENTS

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

## APPENDIX 1 – Penalty Stroke Procedures

1. The umpires shall together with a technical official if appointed, choose the goal to be used and the captains shall toss to decide which team shall take the first penalty stroke.
2. Five 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), 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. The team which has been awarded the higher number of goals shall be the winner.
3. 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 five 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 five nominated players will take the stroke although must use all five nominated players per round. 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)