



# SUSSEX HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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## Sussex Hockey – Boys & Girls Development League 2018 - 19

Each team will play each team within their Group on a home and away basis.

These leagues are run under the auspices of the Sussex Junior Development Group. Managers and Captains are reminded the League is non-competitive and for development purposes only.

### Rules

The following Rules will be enforced beyond those of normal hockey;-

- The League is aimed at boys/girls between 11 & 16 Years (school years 7 – 11) using September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 as the key date.
- The team shall be made up of a minimum of **11** players. **1** adult/Junior facilitator may be allowed on the pitch at a time. Should the goal difference become 3 or more at any time in the game, the adult/Junior facilitator will leave the pitch until the goal difference then becomes equal. Players younger than 11 (on the day) may play at the discretion of their club, but clubs are asked to consider player safety at all times.
- Adults / Junior facilitator should stay in their own half and are not allowed within the opposing D, hence they are not allowed to score.
- Adults / Junior facilitator should not defend a penalty corner (unless playing as a Goal Keeper)
- Masks must be worn by defenders in penalty corners.
- No team will have more than a 5 goal difference recorded in any one match; i.e. 5-0, 6-1. If the score line gets to this stage then the stronger team should take steps to weaken their team by rearranging their positions to make the game fairer for both sides.
- **GOALKEEPERS** – Adopting ruling under Southern Counties HA to whom we are affiliated... All junior matches (up to U18) played in the South **MUST** have fully kitted Goalkeepers **at all times**.  
If a Goalkeeper receives a green or yellow card suspension, they will **remain** on pitch and that suspension will be served by the **Captain** (or Captain's deputy if not on pitch at the time).  
If a Goalkeeper receives a red card suspension, they **must leave** the pitch, and a maximum of five minutes will be allowed to organise a replacement fully kitted goalkeeper. That team will then have to withdraw a field player as only ten players can remain because of the goalkeeper's suspension. (If a team has a second fully kitted goalkeeper ready for play 'pitchside', the switch can be made at any stoppage of play, but any penalty imposed will still have to be served).  
If unable to arrange a suitable replacement, the match will have to be abandoned and the matter referred to the Development League Organiser to decide the outcome of the match.
- **Controlled reverse stick hits and drag flicks are allowed, however if the Umpire deems they are not controlled they will be penalised for unsafe play in the usual way. If on the day both Team Managers/Captains agree that due to playing young inexperienced players they wish to not allow, then this needs to be advised at the start of the game to all players and umpires. This decision is made on the grounds of safety and needs to be at the discretion of the Team Managers. (Change for 2018-19)**

### Match Report Sheets

- A Match reports sheet should be completed by both teams prior to the start of the game.
- All players including subs must be listed on the form and have a number corresponding to the one on their shirt.
- **The Date of Birth (month and Year) of each player must be indicated on the match report.**

- A team in the Development League may play up to **2** field players or a goalkeeper and **1** field players who may have already played in any Sussex league games on the same day. It is to be understood by these players that they are playing in a supporting role to aid the development league.
- **Adults need to be clearly identified on the team sheet with an 'A' at the start of the match.**
- **Any U16 player that is acting as an 'adult/ Junior facilitator' on the pitch needs to be marked on the team sheet with a 'JF' (Junior Facilitator) at the start of the match. JF players include juniors that play regularly in an adult league or are JRPC players . They also need to identify themselves to the umpires.**

### Results

- **Please note new system for entering results on Fixture live as a captain. Texting in no longer works.**
- -log into Fixtures Live (if you tick the box to be remembered, you will not have to enter email + password etc. again)
- Go to the Club Member area
- Go to the Enter Results page – you will see your match listed there: enter your result
- **If a game has to be postponed or walkovers or if there is a problem entering the result then the home team must inform the Development League organiser giving the reason.**

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- The home team must ensure that Team sheets are correctly completed and to arrive **no later than the Wednesday following each match.**
- League results and tables will be available to view on the Sussex Hockey website – [www.sussexhockey.co.uk](http://www.sussexhockey.co.uk) (Via link to Fixtures Live)

***The rules are designed to be simple to apply for an umpire and it is hoped this will encourage adults/Junior facilitator to play the game by guiding the juniors on the pitch not controlling too many aspects of the game.***

### Spirited Guidelines

Beyond the rules, it is felt that some spirited guidelines are beneficial to encourage the game to be played in the correct way:

The juniors are on the pitch to develop as players. Therefore playing a team of “County” standard players in their usual positions might not be seen as developmental. If a player is playing matches in adult open league hockey, it is expected they will only play as an adult/Junior facilitator.

### Adults and Junior Facilitators –

- Adults and **junior facilitators** should not monopolise the game. This includes such acts as not firing the ball in as hard as they can on attacking set plays or crosses.
- Although **1** adult/junior facilitator is allowed on the pitch, it is hoped that the adult playing would not be to the detriment of the juniors. The maximum amount of pitch time should be offered to the junior players where possible. If a club cannot get a team out without adhering to this rule, they should contact the opposition as soon as possible to ensure that a game under mutually agreed conditions is played.
- Adults/Junior Facilitator are on the pitch to help develop the juniors in a coaching and guiding role.

### Goal keepers

- Although the position of goal keeper is a specialist one, it is hoped that all teams will try and play a junior keeper during the season where possible. Note the specific SDL& GDL rules adopted re Goalkeepers (under Rules above)

### Umpires –

- Clubs are encouraged to provide the most competent umpire they can for a game. This is an umpire who can apply the rules correctly but understands the development nature of the league and adapts to this accordingly.
- Clubs should also encourage the use of Young Umpires who have undertaken the Foundation Award and have been recommended to take their Level 1 training. In these circumstances an experienced umpire/mentor should be present.

### BOYS DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE ONLY

**By prior agreement with the opposition, it is allowable for 1 or 2 girls, however it should be remembered that this is not a mixed league and some boys may find it uncomfortable. It is the team manager's responsibility to ensure the girl is capable of playing at the level.**

### League Discipline

- Each team, by its entry into the League, is deemed to have consented to the rules of the League and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the League sub-committee, whose decisions are **final**.
- The League Organiser reserves the right to investigate any possible infringement of the League Rules and take any necessary action in consultation with the League sub-committee. Any decision made by the League Organiser is **final**.
- In the event of any misconduct by a club or team affecting the operation of the league, the League Organiser may take any action deemed necessary including the application of an appropriate points penalty in consultation with the League Sub-committee.
- The League sub-committee will determine what penalty or penalties, which may include suspension or disqualification, will be imposed.
- Any *suspended* team may be re-admitted to its original division following the period of suspension.

### England Hockey Regulations for the Enforcement of Discipline

- **All persons participating in the League are reminded that the above remains in force.**
- **It is the responsibility of the clubs to ensure that good manners and courtesy prevail towards the opposition, umpires and other officials before, during and after the game. A Code of conduct must be understood and adhered to by all players, parents and club officials at all times.**
- **Any photography and videoing taken at any Development team games must have the necessary paperwork in place and both Team Managers, Captains and Umpires be made aware before the game starts.**

### Complaints and Appeals

- Any complaints or appeals must be made **in writing** to the Development League Organiser  
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