HOCKEY IGSSA & SACSSGSA RULES

Hockey is conducted under the rules of the South Australian Hockey Association and Hockey Australia unless otherwise stated.

1. TEAMS
   a) Senior ‘A’ & ‘B’ teams are open teams allowing selection from Years 7 - 12.
   b) The composition of all other teams will be decided according to nominations on a yearly basis.
   c) Each team should consist of 11 players.
   d) A team must have at least 8 players to take the field or else a forfeit loss results and a scratch match should be played.
   e) 11 on field, one of who must be the Goalkeeper, up to 5 substitutes allowed.
   f) Substitution can only occur with the referee’s permission and only during a stoppage.
   g) Players may change places with the Goalkeeper provided the referee is informed beforehand.
   h) Teams must supply their own basic first aid kit, however a backup kit will be available from the venue coordinator if required.

2. ELIGIBILITY
   a) The 20 minute rule will apply in Senior A & B Hockey if a team has less than 11 players. 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 and the school has made contact with the appropriate Executive Officer.

3. UMPIRING
   a) ‘A’ & ‘B’ matches will be umpired by the pool umpires organised by the IGSSA Executive Officer.
   b) 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.
   c) Pool umpires should wear official panel uniform if qualified when umpiring matches.
   d) An umpire may not coach during play in a senior ‘A’ or ‘B’ match, but may coach during the half-time interval.
   e) Umpires may coach where appropriate during play in a lower grade match.

4. MATCHES
a) To be played according to the current rules of the South Australian Hockey Association.

b) All teams to play 30 minute halves with 5 minutes in between. With the exception of Senior ‘A’ & ‘B’ teams, times may be altered by mutual agreement when necessary.

c) Senior ‘A’ & ‘B’ matches are to be played on the best available ground at the home school, or on artificial surface when rostered.

d) 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.

e) Please read attached FREE HIT RULE – as updated by Hockey Aust. 2009

5. **EQUIPMENT**

a) The first named school is to provide the match ball for every match.

b) “A team cannot take the field unless they have a goalkeeper or kicking fullback (wearing a helmet)” and “The goalkeeper must be fully padded”

6. **RESULTS**

a) Results of each match are to be sent by email to the Executive Officer by the following Tuesday of the match.

b) 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).

c) If there are finals scheduled, schools will be matched up based on their finishing position after the shield rounds (i.e. 1 v 2, 3 v 4 etc.). If schools are tied on points, the team that won their minor round matchup is considered to have finished higher. If 3 or more teams are tied on points, the next grade finishing position is considered, so that match ups can be created.

d) If the finals match is tied (i.e. the 1 v 2 shield play off), the shield is shared between the two teams.