

## SHA Girls Under 17 Outdoor League Rules (2011-12)

- 1 The SHA Junior Girls Sunday League (SJGSL) shall be governed by the SHA Ladies Outdoor League Committee with the backing of the SHA Committee. The SJGSL shall be run under the auspices of England Hockey and subject to the Rules of Discipline laid down by England Hockey.
- 2 Rules may only be altered with the approval of the SHA Committee. Any team wishing to submit a proposed rule change to the Committee should do so in writing to the County Secretary.
- 3 Any team shall have the right to appeal on any disputed point by submitting that disputed point in writing to the SJGSL Secretary, or her nominee; the SHA Ladies Outdoor League Committee's decision is final.
- 4 All teams participating in the SJGSL must be attached to an affiliated club. That club must have paid affiliation fees to SHA, ERHA and England Hockey for the current season. The SJGSL Entry Forms must be submitted to the SJGSL Secretary, or their nominee, with the appropriate fees, by the date instructed by the Secretary.
- 5 All players must be members of an affiliated club and have paid any junior membership to that club for the current season. All players must be under 17 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January falling within the current season. There is no minimum age limit.
- 6 Players who have been selected to play at EHL or EWL by their club are **now** eligible to play in this League. County players are eligible.
- 7 No player may play for more than one club in the SJGSL. Where a club does not have a junior section as part of its organisation, it is permissible for a player playing in one club on a Saturday to join another club for the SJGSL, BUT PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP of the 'second' club will be required, together with a statement from the first club confirming that no junior hockey is available to its members.
- 8 Any team found playing a member breaking Rules 5, 6 or 7 shall forfeit the match and any points gained. They shall also have 3 points deducted from their previous total.
- 9 Dates and venues will be arranged by the SJGSL Secretary, or her nominee. Teams will be expected to play at the times and venues notified by the SHA Ladies Outdoor League. Teams not ready to play within 10 minutes of the advised start time will forfeit the match.
- 10 Duration of each game will be 35 minutes each way, with a maximum of five minutes allowed for half time, and between matches if more than one match is played on any one day, at the same venue.
- 11 Teams must advise the SJGSL Secretary of the colours which will be worn, together with details of a change strip in the event of a clash of colours. These shirts should be numbered if possible to allow for instant identification by umpires, and the numbers must be entered alongside names and dates of birth on the match sheets before the match commences. The required process is:
  - (i) Both teams fill in a paper match sheet, which are duly completed after the game with all the required information and signatures on both copies.
  - (ii) The Home team is responsible for e-mailing the league manager (to be advised) with the result, no later than the Tuesday after the game.
  - (iii) The Home team is also responsible for posting the two completed match sheets (using 1st class postage) to the league manager (to be advised), to arrive no later than the Thursday after the game.In the event of transgressions of either (ii) or (iii) above (or both), a fine of £5 will be imposed in each case.
- 12 No game shall be postponed excepting when:
  - a The ground is not available due to circumstances beyond SHA control;
  - b In the opinion of the team official, groundsman or umpires the state of the pitch is unplayable / unsafe;
  - c If during the course of a game ground conditions or weather should deteriorate the umpires only shall decide whether to abandon the match; an abandoned match shall be replayed unless 20 minutes of the second half have been played, when the score at the time of the abandonment shall stand.
- 13 All teams MUST CARRY their change strip; the second named team to change if required by the umpires.
- 14 Any player receiving a red card is subject to the England Hockey Code of Discipline, and reports must be sent by umpires in accordance with these regulations. The minimum suspension is 16 days, with immediate effect.
- 15 Umpires should be of Level 1 grade or working towards their Level 1, or any level above; these umpires to be approved by the SHA Ladies Outdoor League Secretary. Each team to provide an umpire for matches.
- 16 Points will be awarded as follows: **3 points for a WIN; 1 point for a DRAW; 0 points for a LOSS.**
- 17 Any team wishing to resign shall send their resignation to the SJGSL Secretary, or her nominee, and all results so far will be declared null and void.
- 18 Each team by its entry to the SJGSL shall be deemed to have given its consent to the Rules of the SJGSL and any changes made by the SHA in accordance with Rules 2 and 3.
- 19 The SHA Committee shall have the right to discipline any team found to act in any way contrary to the spirit or letter of these rules.