

2. PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1. only bona fide members of a league club who are 14 years of age or older on 1st January of the season shall be entitled to play in league matches.
- 2.2. clubs are expected to be consistent in their selection policies and to select on merit. Where possible clubs should pick players who have not played previously on that weekend. Any club which cannot satisfactorily justify an unusual selection shall be deemed to have fielded an ineligible player. Should a club infringe any part of the Rules by playing an ineligible player, fines may be imposed or points deducted. In serious breaches of this Rule, matches shall be declared void and replayed. The League Committee shall have the power to impose any further penalty it considers appropriate.

3. LEAGUE ORDER

- 3.1. champions of the division will be the team with most points
- 3.2. where the league committee deems a match to be void, it will award (the match) 3 points to the offended team but with no goals awarded.
- 3.3. three points for a win and one point for a drawer in all league matches. In the event of teams being level on points, final places shall be decided on goal difference. In the event of the goal difference being the same, then the team with the greatest number of goals scored shall be winner. If still undecided, then the results of games between the teams concerned shall be taken into consideration. Finally, a play off shall take place if none of the above resolves the situation.

4. DISCIPLINE

- 4.1. All clubs admitted to the League agree to be bound by the disciplinary codes of the national governing body (WHU).
- 4.2. Any disciplinary action taken by the League Committee will be reported to the other leagues in which the club plays.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION, FINES, PENALTIES AND POINTS DEDCUTIONS

- 5.1. any failure to fulfil a fixture will lead to penalty points being deduction, subject to the club in question being given the opportunity to justify the postponement
- 5.2. any team that fails to fulfil a fixture will be required to reimburse any unavoidable costs incurred by their opponents (pitch hire, food costs and travel expenses)
- 5.3. unless otherwise stated communications from the League to a club will be with the person(s) as officers of the club so identified in the League's list of club contacts.
- 5.4. in all matters concerning the interpretation of these rules or in the organization of the League the decision of the League Committee shall be final.
- 5.5. the League Committee shall have the power to determine any matter not covered by these Rules. It shall also have the power to impose financial penalties, deduct League points, relegate or expel any club, which in its opinion fails to meet the standards demanded by the League or brings the game into disrepute.

NORTH WALES HOCKEY – HOCI GOGLEDD CYMRU

1. MATCH REGULATIONS

- 1.1. all matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Hockey as laid down by the governing bodies and the Codes of Conduct issued by the national governing body
- 1.2. matches shall start at an agreed time between both clubs. In all matches, the umpires shall have full discretion over starting, continuing or completing a match according to the prevailing conditions and circumstances, especially bearing in mind the safety of all involved, including spectators.
- 1.3. each team shall complete a match card. This must be handed to the umpires at least 15 minutes before the start of the match with names of all players including substitutes and shirt numbers. No substitute may be used unless his name is shown on the match card in advance.
- 1.4. the umpires shall record the match details (including red and yellow cards) on the match card and arrange for this to be signed by themselves and the captains after the match. Afterwards the match card shall be returned to the home team's representative for completion.
- 1.5. the match card may be used for any relevant observation by either captain or umpire. Captains are required to record on the card a rating for each umpire.
- 1.6. all matches must be played on appropriate and safe artificial turf pitches. Appropriate changing and toilet facilities must be available on site. First aid must be available on site.
- 1.7. matches shall be played on the dates fixed by the League Committee except that the match may be postponed by the home team if the ground is unfit to play, or by the umpires if considered too dangerous.
- 1.8. postponed matches must be replayed as soon as possible, on a date agreed between both clubs
- 1.9. the result of the match or confirmation of its postponement must be made to the League, no later than 24 hours and the date for the re-arranged game as soon as possible.
- 1.10. in the event of a dispute over match dates between teams, or after two postponements, the League and Cup administrators may designate a venue and the date on which a match shall be played.
- 1.11. the home team shall be required to contact the away team at least 5 days before the match to confirm the game and the start time. Any cancellation due to inclement weather or an unfit pitch must be made at least 3 hours before the scheduled start time.
- 1.12. whatever the cause of a postponement, both the results service and the League and Cup administrators must be informed on match days to indicate the match did not take place.
- 1.13. both teams shall wear shirts bearing different numbers visible and contrasting to the shirts. The numbers shall be worn in the centre of the back of the shirts and shall correspond to the number on the match card. The goalkeepers shall wear numbered shirts or jerseys different in colour from those of their own team and those of the opponents. Both captains shall wear arm bands in a contrasting colour to the shirts.
- 1.14. if in the umpires' opinion, there is a clash of shirts or of socks, then the away team shall change.