

KEY CHANGES TO RULES 2017 REPRESENTATIVE TOURNAMENT RULES

Rules Document:

We have merged the Regional Tournament Rules, Association Tournament Rules, Affiliates Tournament Rules and National University Tournament Rules into one document labelled “National Representative Tournament Rules”. There is still a separate document for our Secondary School Tournaments.

Key changes across Representative tournaments are listed below.

A. TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

5. Player Eligibility

Appendix 2 now outlines clearer eligibility rules for U13, U15 and U21 tournaments including age minimums and year level for U13 tournaments.

B. PRE TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

8. Team Registration Form

The rules now reflect the change to all team registration being completed online via the Altius tournament management system.

All tournaments will now have a maximum of eighteen (18) players and minimum of twelve (12) if 2 Goalkeepers are included in the squad. If a team chooses only to select one goalkeeper, they are only allowed 16 players. This is to help increase the exposure of players in a position of need (Goalkeeper) and also exposes an additional 2 athletes to a national tournament and the experience that brings.

9. Withdrawing From Tournament

Withdrawing from a tournament will now bring a fine of \$200 + GST. This is the same amount as the tournament entry fee. Any applicable bond will also be forfeited in the event of a withdrawal.

C. OPERATIONAL TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

15 Points and Pool Placements

15.2 Pool Competition

The procedure for separating teams has been clarified and also includes the procedure in the event 3 teams are tied and the way the shootout should operate in the appendices.

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15.3 Round Robin Competition

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16 **Post Pool Play offs**

Post Pool Play offs for NHL has now changed to be the same as U18 and U21 tournaments with regards to points being carried forward from pool play.

D. MATCH PLAY REGULATIONS

18 **Players in the Tournament**

The Significant Injury replacement rule has been modified to allow greater discrepancy on the part of the Tournament Director.

The rules around the use of eighteen players including 2 Goalkeepers has been shifted from Rule number 8 down to rule number 18 as it is felt this is more of a Match Play scenario.

19 **Ineligible Players**

Clarification on the process should a player be found to be ineligible. No major changes but wording slightly altered to better reflect natural justice in the event of ineligible player taking part in a game.

22 **Game Duration**

U18 Regional and U21 Tournaments will now be played over 4 quarters as per the Ford NHL. This is brought about as the FIH have made the decision all Junior World tournaments will now be played over 4 quarters.

23 **Interruptions to a Match**

Wording altered to allow greater discrepancy for the Tournament Director in the event of an interruption to a match.

24 **Admission to the Field of Play**

In the interests of increasing the awareness of the need for greater focus on health and safety, we have altered the make up of the 4 management staff allowed in the dugout to encourage a physio (minimum) to be in the dugout at all times. If no physio, teams will be limited to 3 staff in the dug out (1 coach, 1 manager, 1 extra).

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